

Township trashes transfer station millage

In a day when economic phrases like debt ceiling, budget cuts and deficits dominate the headlines, the Lovells Township Board was able to trash one tax levy for its citizens.

The Lovells Township Board recently voted not to collect a millage to fund its transfer stations on the upcoming winter tax bills. The transfer stations are operated to collect trash and recyclable materials.

In 2001, Lovells Township voters passed a millage to fund the township's transfer stations by an 82 yes to 51 no vote. The millage, sought as part of a special election, allows the township to collect the millage through 2020. **Pg. 8**

SPORTS

Soccer team wins 7-1 in league game at Kalkaska



The Grayling Vikings scored seven goals in the first half of Monday's varsity boys soccer game — a Lake Michigan Conference match at Kalkaska, the squad's first league test of the season — and cruised to a 7-1 victory vs. the Blazers.

Grayling scored its first goal of the match at the 23:40 mark in the first half; Tyler Powers scored for the Vikings on the play. With approximately 17 minutes left in the first half Kalkaska's goalkeeper deflected a shot by Powers and Carson Burmeister kicked the airborne rebound into the net for Grayling's second goal of the night. **Pg. 11**

4th quarter TD pass, two stops on defense win it for GHS



The game — a nonconference junior varsity football contest pitting the Grayling Vikings against the visiting Houghton Lake Bobcats — was tied at 26-26 going into the fourth quarter. Grayling scored on a 56-yard TD pass and the squad's defense protected the lead. The Vikings won 34-26.

"The kids won this game because of their hard work during the offseason. Conditioning was a big factor in this game. The offensive line and defensive line dominated in the trenches. I was very pleased with the team's ability to make defensive adjustments on the field," Coach Chris Kucharek said. "We held Houghton Lake to zero offensive yards for the entire second half." **Pg. 11**

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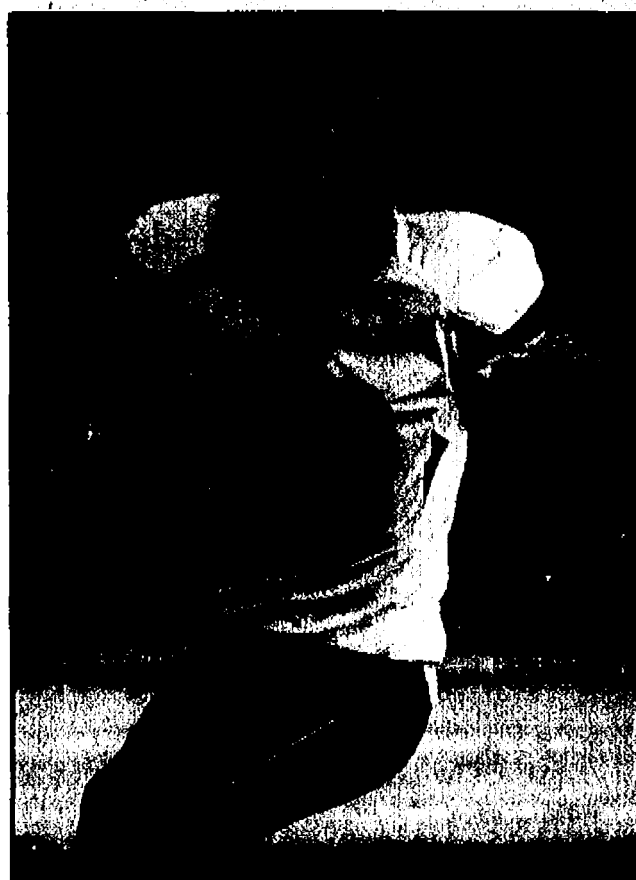
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Quarterback Zane Tobin, left, throws a pass during Thursday's varsity football game at Houghton Lake. Riley Zigila, right, carries the ball for Grayling on Thursday night at Houghton Lake.

VIKINGS WIN 46-29

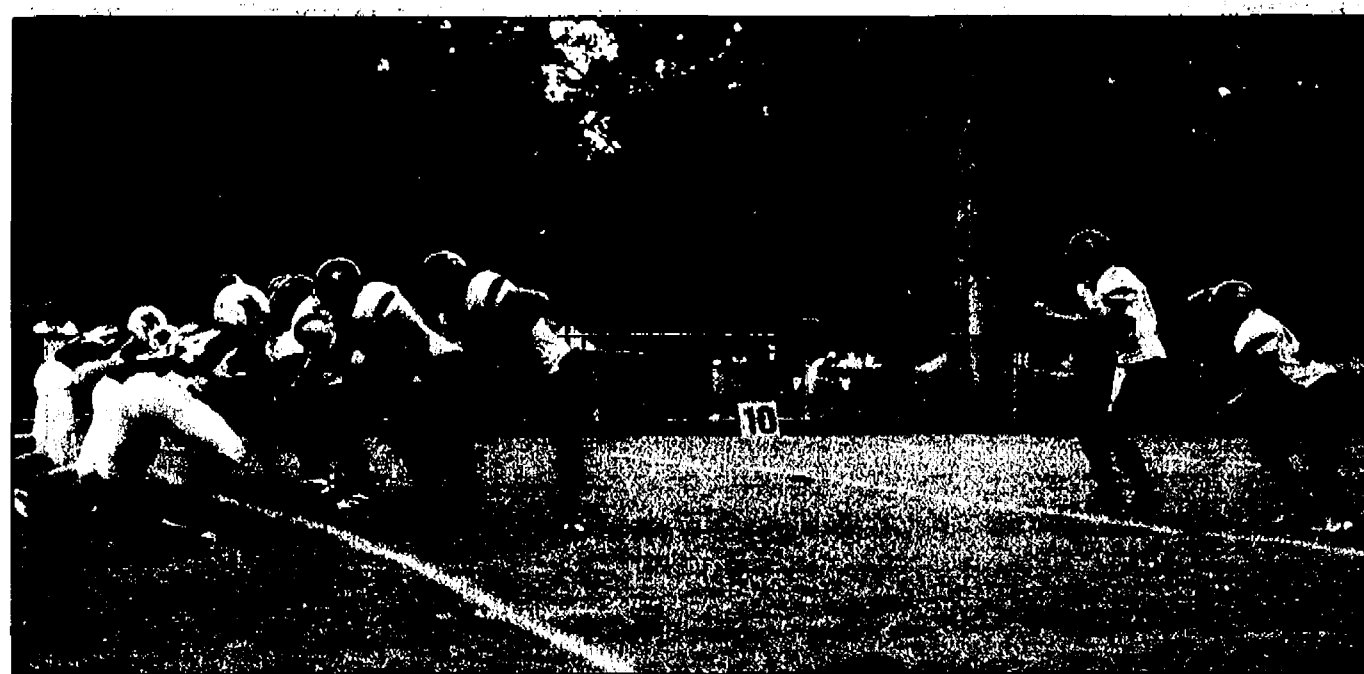
Grayling moves to 2-0 with victory at Houghton Lake

The Grayling Vikings defeated the Houghton Lake Bobcats 46-29 in a nonconference varsity football game played at Houghton Lake last Thursday.

"We were much happier with our offensive execution tonight. We still have a lot of areas to get better in, but that's to be expected. Houghton Lake is a good football team and we were able to put up some points," Coach Tim Sanchez said. **PAGE 11**



A referee signals touchdown after Joey Schwartz crossed the goal line for Grayling on Thursday night.



The Vikings run a play on offense during last week's 46-29 victory at Houghton Lake High School.

Board sets 2nd hearing

Grayling Charter Township to gather more input on administrative proposal

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Grayling Charter Township Board of Trustees scheduled a second round to gain input on a proposal to transfer duties to an appointed township superintendent after getting an earful last week.

About 40 people attended a public hearing held on Thursday, Sept. 1, to gather input on splitting administrative duties between a township supervisor and a proposed new township superintendent.

Grayling Charter Township Supervisor Terry Wright is scheduled to retire on Friday, Oct. 28 after holding the office for 15 years. Wright has more than a year left on an unexpired term.

Under the proposal, the township would transition from having a full-time supervisor with all administrative duties assigned by the township board to serving as a part-time supervisor.

The township supervisor would handle all statutory delegated duties such as signing legal documents, financial documents and budgets, tax assessment roles and overseeing township board meetings.

The superintendent would handle day-to-day activities for the township.

Some residents were in favor of creating the new position, while a majority of citizens questioned the board's motive and split in power.

Ginger Lyons said that weakening the township supervisor's duties would create a "token position."

"You can't just have someone sashaying in to sign a bunch of papers," Lyons said. That's what happens down in Washington D.C."

Grayling Charter Township Board Trustee Dennis Long said efficiency and the potential to save money during current economic struggles are driving the move for the new administrative structure.

"The people in America want government to be more leaner and more efficient," Long said.

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Family, National Guard honor Higgins Lake veteran for World War II Service

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Sixty-six years after the end of World War II, Camp Grayling soldiers presented a Higgins Lake veteran with his medals and other awards on Saturday.

Maj. Gen. Jerry Cannon, an assistant adjutant general for the Michigan Army National Guard, Col. Mike MacNamara and Mst. Sgt. Troy Herblat presented Robert E. Alexander, 89, with a half dozen medals and awards he earned during his World War II service on Saturday.

As family was getting Alexander's personal affairs in order, Alexander's wife Barbara informed the family that he earned a Purple Heart from being wounded in World War II. Alexander, however, did not have the medal.

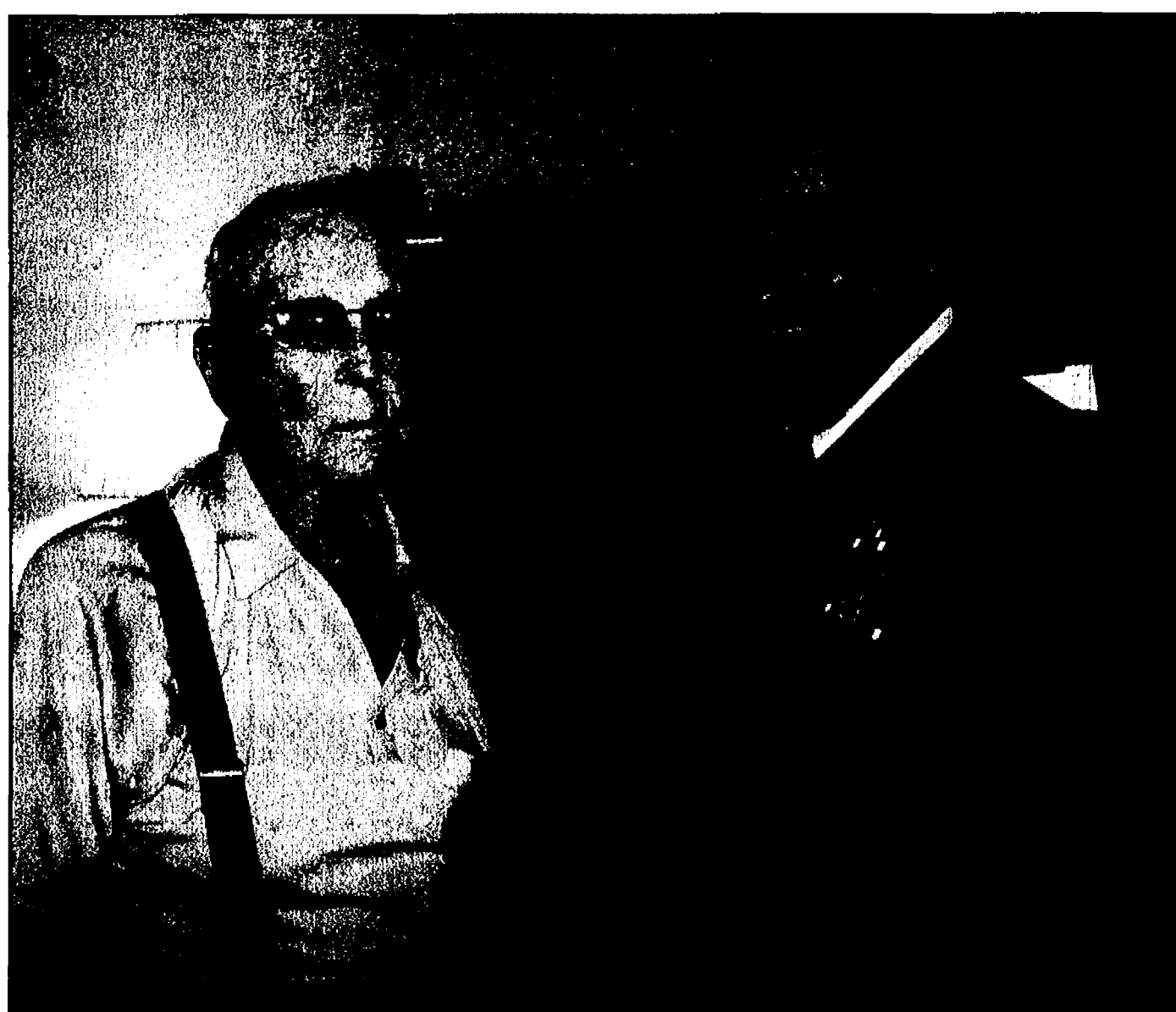
Robyn Kemp, Alexander's granddaughter, did six months of research to track down the paperwork on the World War II service. Kemp, who lives in Easton Rapids, worked with Congressman Dave Camp to get the medals and other awards.

Alexander received awards at a family reunion held on Saturday.

"I just know that my grandpa was too humble of a man to ever, ever do anything like this," Kemp said of requesting the awards. "He would have went to heaven without knowing what he had earned so it was an honor."

Cannon pinned the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star on Alexander's shirt.

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Deputies recognized for saving woman's life



Photo by Dan Sanderson

The Frederic Township Fire Department and EMS recognized Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies Jason Alexander and Michael Gammicchia with life saving awards last week. The deputies were the first on the scene on June 23 at the Gates AuSable Lodge, where a woman had gone into full cardiac arrest. The deputies brought the woman back to life using an AED before Frederic Township EMS arrived at the scene. Crawford County Sheriff Kirk A. Wakefield was also recognized for equipping all police cars with AEDs. Wakefield said this was the seventh life saved since the Crawford County Sheriff's Office received the AEDs. Above, Frederic Township Fire Department and EMS Deputy Chief Edward Goscicki, Alexander, Gammicchia, Wakefield and Frederic Township Fire Chief Doug Pratt are pictured after the awards were presented at a Crawford County Board of Commissioners meeting.

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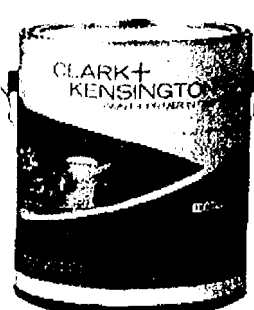
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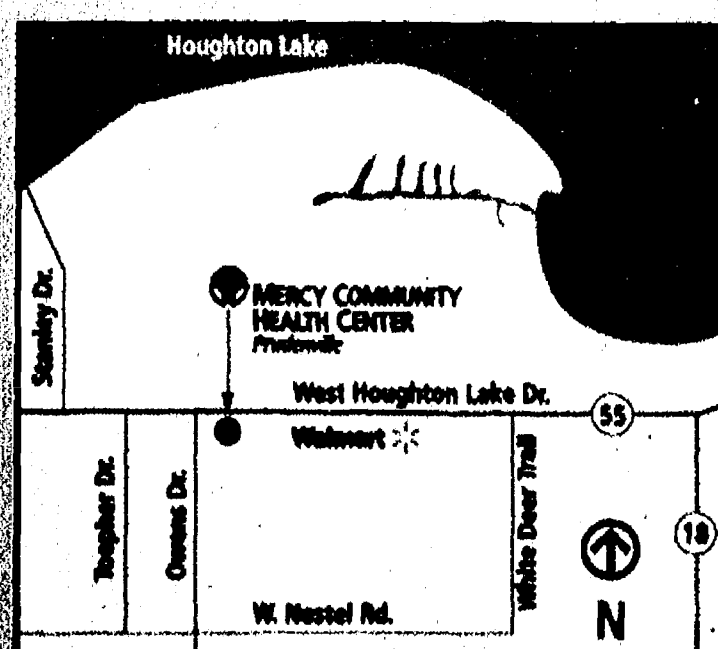
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Dr. Rubert attended medical school and completed her Orthopedic Surgery residency at the Medical College of Wisconsin, and her Orthopedic Oncology fellowship at the Washington Cancer Institute in Washington D.C.

Dr. Rubert will begin seeing patients in October at Mercy Community Health Center in Prudenville. To schedule an appointment call (989) 366-2900.

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Meth lab bust leads to three arrests, removal of children

by Dan Sanderson
 Staff Writer

Parents of three children and a man who suffered broken bones after falling from a tree while hiding from police were arrested last week for allegedly operating a methamphetamine lab in Crawford County.

Officers from the Strike Team Investigative Narcotics Group (STING) were investigating suspected methamphetamine trafficking in Grayling

Township on Monday, Aug. 29. Early Tuesday, STING, assisted by Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies, executed a search warrant at a residence and discovered evidence that two "one pot" meth labs were located in a trailer.

Methamphetamine ingredients were also discovered, along with other drug paraphernalia.

Daise Herrmann, Gary Edward Herrmann Jr. and three minor children were at the trailer when the search warrant was served. Police learned that Phillip Edward Eckstein had left the trailer prior to officers arriving. The husband and wife were held in the Crawford County Jail. They were arrested for controlled substance/delivery manufacture methamphetamine/ecstasy and controlled substance-operating/maintaining a laboratory in the presence of a minor. The parents face up to 20 years in prison on the felony charges, if convicted.

The Hermanns were arraigned on the charges in Crawford County District Court on Friday, Sept. 2.

The three children, ages 8, 9 and 11, were removed from the residence. They were taken to Mercy Hospital Grayling for a precautionary examination as officers believed they may have been present when methamphetamine was

processed.

Department of Human Services staff was contacted and petitioned for temporary placement of the children with relatives, pending a hearing in Crawford County Family Court.

Late Tuesday morning, Crawford County Animal Control Officer Gail Foguth was at the trailer to remove a dog. Foguth witnessed a male suspect leaving the trailer. STING officers had learned that the suspect was Eckstein.

While hiding in the woods near the trailer, Eckstein fell from a tree and dislocated his shoulder and fractured bones in his back. He was taken into custody by STING officers with the assistance of Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies. Eckstein was then transported to Mercy Hospital Grayling for treatment, and then taken to the Crawford County Jail. He is also being charged with controlled substance/delivery manufacture methamphetamine/ecstasy and controlled substance operating/maintaining a laboratory in the presence of a minor.

The Michigan State Police's Seventh District Meth Response Team, which includes police trained to deal with methamphetamine labs and removal of associated hazardous materials, assisted STING in the investigation.

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Ottawa Street, located on the south side of the Grayling Middle School, was repaved between Peninsular Street and Maple Street. Left, a bobcat equipped with a jackhammer moved a huge chunk of asphalt at the intersection of Ottawa Street and Maple Street. Right, the old asphalt is ground and milled so it could be mixed with the new asphalt for the street repaving project.

Ottawa Street repaved in city

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The City of Grayling got more bang for the buck for a street repaving project, which took place last week.

Ottawa Street, located on the south side of the Grayling Middle School, was repaved between Peninsular Street and Maple Street.

Reith-Riley, a road construction firm which has a branch location in Prudenville, contracted with the city for the project.

Grayling City Manager/Police Chief Doug Baum said the initial project called for just having two blocks of the street repaved. But favorable negotiations between the city, Reith-Riley and Gosling Czubak, the city's engineers, resulted in having the third block added to the job.

The pavement on the street outlived its usefulness and could no longer be patched and maintained.

"It was in critical need for repaving," Baum said. The project also included installing new curbs, gutters and sections of sidewalks at street ends.

Construction crews were required to complete the project before the start of the school year on Tuesday.

The cost for the project was \$57,736.

The capital project was paid for from the city's local streets fund.

Funds going into the local streets fund come from the city's income tax. The income tax funds are earmarked to pay for capital improvement projects and equipment. The funds cannot go into the city's general fund for wages or day-to-day operations.

School Board comes up with funds for resource officer

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy Chase Barnett was among teachers and school staff that greeted students for the start of the school year on Tuesday thanks to a even up funding match reached between the schools and the county.

The Crawford AuSable School District Board of Education last week agreed to fund the school resource officer with an extra \$9,000 to meet the \$27,000 match that the Crawford County Board of Commissioners pledged toward the position.

The county board, at its August monthly meeting, pledged \$27,000 to pay for half of the salary to keep Barnett as the school resource officer. The county board sought a \$27,000 match from the school district. The remaining \$20,000 balance to fund the \$74,000 position would come from an Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention grant used to fund the Grayling Viking Vision Career Academy. The pro-

gram is a collaborative effort between the Crawford AuSable School District and Crawford County Family Court. The aim of the program is to help freshman and sophomore students, at risk of falling behind or dropping out of school, to stay on track for graduation at Grayling High School and pursue careers in their chosen field. Barnett spends time with students in the academy.

The school district had to address a \$1.5 million deficit due to state budget cuts for the 2011/12 school year.

Crawford County officials are currently addressing a \$160,000 general fund deficit for its next fiscal year, which begins on Oct. 1. The Sheriff's Road Patrol fund is projected to have an \$80,000 deficit due to declining property values.

Even with both entities facing budget woes, Crawford AuSable School District Superintendent Joe Powers said school leaders believe the position is critical for the students.

"The county can only

commit so much for a school resource officer and we understand that it's only a one year deal subject to review next year," Powers said. "The schools believe this is a valued position for the students and we were happy that the county and the school district were able to work this financial deal in these tumultuous times for government."

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said he was also pleased with the outcome that will still allow Barnett to mentor students, handle discipline issues and other issues. Not having the officer in the schools and addressing incidents when they arise would mean more time and resources spent by the courts and law enforcement.

"I am ecstatic," Wakefield said. "It's not that much we were asking for and we get a lot bang for the buck for this project. It's good that we have this program because there are many school resource officers that are still around and we've been able to keep this program alive. It benefits a lot of people."

Wakefield also praised Powers, County Administrator Paul Compo, county commissioners and school board members for crunching the numbers to keep Barnett on duty in the school hallways.

"They're the ones that kind of hammer things out I'm happy with everybody," Wakefield said.

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Visitors to Hartwick Pines State Park will have the opportunity to journey back to the year 1896 and meet some of the members of the Salling, Hanson and Company's "Section 9 Camp" as they prepare for the upcoming winter logging season on Saturday evening, Sept. 17 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Costumed interpreters will portray several members of the camp including a saloon keeper, railroad surveyor, the landlooker, the camp clerk, the camp cooks, a teamster, and some of the "shantyboys" - the men who did the cutting of the trees. From these men and women you will learn all about the life in a camp, the variety of work that was done in logging in the Grayling area and the rest of Michigan and some of the dangers of the job.

The Logging Museum will be transformed into the "Section 9 Camp", which was located in what is now Hartwick Pines for the night. The park visitors will take on the roll of new employees of the Salling,

Hanson and Company and will journey from the "Grayling Train Depot" (the Visitor Center) to the logging camp.

The lantern lit one quarter of a mile walk between the visitor center and the logging museum will become the eight-mile journey to the camp. While at the museum, converse with the shantyboys about life in the bunkhouse, landlooker N.P. Salling about the search for the tall timber and the camp cooks about the huge appetites of the lumberjacks and how much food they need to cook for them.

Through the museum meet all of the residents of the camp, enjoy the camp

fire on the "camboose" or head back up to the Visitor Center. The visit will last approximately an hour, but spend as much time as you would like. Doors of the Visitor Center will open at 6:30 p.m.; however the tours do not start until 7 p.m. The last tour will leave at 8:30 p.m.

There is no charge for this program, but a state park recreation passport is required for entry into the park. Hartwick Pines State Park is located on M-93 (Hartwick Pines Rd.); two miles east of I-75, exit 259. For more information, please contact Hartwick Pines State Park at (989) 348-2537.

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Issues and Opinions



Almanack

by Richard Milliman

Are schools still for the kids anymore?

LABOR DAY finally has come and gone in Michigan, and local schools finally can open their classrooms.

In one of our state's more questionable laws, the Michigan Legislature has decided that the little red schoolhouse cannot open its doors to students until Labor Day has passed.

This question has been a hot issue in Michigan for several years, with a later opening backed most auspiciously by the Michigan tourist business, using the argument that keeping schools closed until after Labor Day would be a boon for family vacations and thus help tourist-related business.

If local schools should begin in August, the argument goes, then the long Labor Day weekend would be lost and Michigan's tourist business would miss millions of dollars in business.

The late start is good for young folks, too, because they can keep summer jobs longer, especially in any tourist-related work, giving

them bigger paychecks and more job experience.

How have those ideas worked out? Have they made things better either for tourism or for students? I haven't seen any reports lately on what a late start of school means for certain businesses, but I would suggest many other factors help or hurt tourism more than the timing of the school year.

IT'S ALL A sham anyway in most parts of Michigan.

The advantages claimed may have an effect in the various tourist havens, such as along the northern Great Lakes shoreline towns, but thousands of students across the state already have been involved heavily in school activities for about a month.

High school football players, for example, have been practicing most of August and already have played two games of their normal nine game schedule.

Before Labor Day hits, thousands of high school musicians have been to band camps, practiced their music

and marching and performed routines at those football games.

High school teams in other sports also have been busy, too, and have competed in games, races, tournaments and meets in golf, volleyball, soccer, tennis and other fall athletics already.

Still, not a single classroom can be open to students until after Labor Day weekend.

With a later start, in order to fulfill the state-ordained number of classrooms days and hours required, the school year will run until near the middle of June.

Schools are supposed to be for the kids.

The Labor Day law — like so many other regulations and rules mandated by state and even national governments — just doesn't make sense in reality, and in my view works not for the students, but for some other non-school related reason that has been ordained on high, often by non educators.

The Labor Day rule in

Michigan should be abandoned. The decision on when classes begin should be left to locally elected school boards.

If local folks in Petoskey or Pentwater or some other tourist haven want to delay school openings in hopes of landing one last big Labor Day vacation boon, let them.

Each school district is different. Each student is an individual and unique.

One size does not fit all.

CERTAIN OTHER

school rules ordained on high don't make much sense in the real world either.

Mandatory curriculum in my book is a bad idea.

Requiring every student in Michigan to take the same set of courses, all designed to prepare the students for college, is highly questionable.

Many students are mystified by math, yet it must be crammed down each student's throat. The same is true for science, or composition, or a foreign language — any foreign language.

The theory behind mandatory curriculum is that schools must prepare students with a college education for them to compete or even survive in a global computer and electronic based society.

Some students, however, do not fit that pre-conceived mode. Each student is an individual, and each student should be considered and educated as an individual.

Not every student wants or needs a college diploma. Not every student is suited for college. With the way college costs have skyrocketed, not every student can afford to attend college.

IF EVERY STUDENT

becomes a computer genius, who is going to perform the services society requires in a different stratum of everyday living?

We need good and talented mechanics and factory workers, good and talented nurses and cooks, good and talented electricians and roofers and dry cleaners and cosmeticians and a whole host of other non-degreed

persons in addition to the nuclear scientist and the neurologist and outer space exploration teams.

A square peg still does not fit into a round hole. So it is with individual students and mandatory curriculum.

State and national leaders continually preach that education is our most important product, that our young people are the hope of the future, that schools and the means of education must ever be nurtured.

Yet these same decision makers have been drastically reducing or withdrawing the public dollar support which makes education possible.

Too often the very reason for schools — the students themselves — are neglected, ignored or completely forgotten when decisions affecting them are made.

Schools should be for kids.

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Viewpoint

By Carl Levin, U.S. Senator (D-Michigan)

Learning the lessons of the post-9/11 decade

A decade ago this Sept. 11, terrorists motivated by a monstrous and hate-filled ideology attacked our nation, taking nearly 3,000 innocent lives. Like every American, I was appalled by the destruction and loss of life at the Twin Towers, the Pentagon, and on Flight 93.

That day, I went with Sen. John Warner, as the chairman and ranking member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, to the Pentagon. I vividly remember the horrible damage there. We held a press conference with the secretary of defense and chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. We were unified, as a Senate and a nation, in our determination to bring those responsible for the attacks to justice.

Ten years removed from that tragedy, it's important that we examine the steps taken since the Sept. 11 attacks to protect our nation.

Most important, we've severely degraded al Qaeda's ability to threaten us. Thanks to diligent intelligence work, the incredible bravery and competence of our military, and President Obama's thoughtful and courageous decision making, Osama bin Laden can no longer plot to harm us. Bin Laden's death and the efforts of our military in Afghanistan led Defense Secretary Leon Panetta to say recently that we are "within reach of strategically defeating al Qaeda."

We have also organized our

military forces to better protect the homeland, a task we have focused on in the Armed Services Committee. We have reorganized homeland security and intelligence agencies to better combat terrorism and to share information more effectively, addressing one of the weaknesses that contributed to the 9/11 attacks.

We also have made significant strides in homeland security. One of the big problems that 9/11 revealed is that too often various emergency response agencies can't talk to one another because their radios don't link up.

In the aftermath of 9/11, I authored legislation to fund seven demonstration projects on the northern and southern borders to combat this problem, including a \$4 million grant for Michigan police to coordinate emergency response with Canada.

In March, we opened a Northern Border Operational Integration Center at Selfridge Air Base. That center will gather information from every agency and office involved in securing the northern border so that our agencies can coordinate in protecting us while allowing commerce and travelers to move freely.

Those are important steps. But we have made errors, too, and must learn from them. The Iraq war distracted us from fighting the people who attacked us on

9/11. Use of interrogation techniques that are considered torture under U.S. and international law has made us less safe by producing faulty information and by handing our enemies a propaganda victory.

We also have work to do on northern border security. In February, government auditors found that lack of coordination between immigration and border patrol personnel is hindering border security in the Detroit region.

We must fight terrorism financing more effectively. Laws in most states do not require corporations to reveal their true owners. That loophole allows terrorists and the arms dealers who supply them to launder their money. I've introduced legislation to strip away that anonymity.

With all the work yet to do, it's good to remember our successes. One beautiful May night, my wife, Barbara, and I, drove down to the Lafayette Park, in front of the White House, just a couple of hours after President Obama announced that we had brought bin Laden to justice. The unity we felt that night, joining thousands of people celebrating the news, was just as powerful as the unity we felt at the Pentagon on the day of the attacks. It was a great reminder that, in mourning or celebration, our nation is strongest when it is united.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. senator from Michigan.

Letters to the Editor

Grayling is to be commended on the efforts it has made forward

To the editor:

Two years ago, after a visit to Grayling, which is my mother, Jane Milnes Rosin's hometown, I wrote to this newspaper.

I suggested that Grayling "step up to the plate" and show what qualities the town has that makes it such a wonderful place to live and stay in.

A few weeks ago, my family and I returned for a visit. It is quite obvious that Grayling, despite difficult economic times, has made an excellent effort to put its best foot forward.

The well maintained downtown with what once were empty store fronts, now offers some very artistic and inviting shops. City streets and side streets, businesses, and citizen's yards are noticeably clean with added welcoming touches in paint and landscaping.

Grayling is to be commended on the efforts it has made forward. The pride that Grayling has for itself, its citizens, and the natural wonders of its state that are graciously shared with visitors, makes it "an alluring gem of Michigan."

Susan (Rosin) Clark
Lubbock, Texas

Letters to the Editor

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

AVALANCHE DEADLINES

Community Briefs items submitted to the Crawford County Avalanche must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must also have ample space

between each line; on lined paper use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday at 5 p.m.

Briefs

Community Service to be observed

In observance of the 10th anniversary of the deaths and destruction caused by the plane hijackings and crashes in New York City, Pennsylvania and Washington, DC, the Grayling Area Christian Ministries Association will offer a service of Remembrance and Healing on Sept. 11, at 2 p.m. on the lawn of Citizens Bank. For questions, contact Rev. Elizabeth Chase at 348-5850.

Sheriff to attend township meeting

Sheriff Kirk Wakefield will attend the Lovells Township meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 7 p.m. He will be there throughout the meeting, and if necessary, remain afterwards for additional questions or comments.

Band Boosters to hold meeting

The Grayling Viking Band Boosters meeting will be held Thursday, Sept. 8, at 7 p.m. in the Grayling Middle School Band Room. All parents of band students are invited to attend and become more involved in the activities that support the instrumental music program for Grayling schools.

Garden club to meet

Beyond the Garden Wall Garden Club will meet on Thursday, Sept. 8, at 6 p.m., at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. It is a potluck and planning meeting and a perennial plant exchange. All are invited. For more information, call 348-8519.

VFW Post #3736 to hold meeting

The VFW Post #3736, and the Ladies Auxiliary, will hold their monthly meeting on Sept. 13 at 6 p.m., at the American Legion Hall. Bring a dish to pass. Meetings will be held at 7 p.m., the Auxiliary will be holding their inspection, all officers need to be present.

Mercy Hospice to host event

Mercy Hospice is having their 3rd annual Ramble to the Pines on Sept. 10. This Walk/Bike/Run is on the six mile paved trail beginning at Grayling City Hall and ending at the entrance to Hartwick Pines State Park. Participants with a pledge of \$25 or more will receive a T-shirt. The start time will be between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Registration may be in advance or day of the event. For information or to make a donation, call 1-800-424-1457 for details.

Christian music ministry to be held

Northern Christian Music Ministries will present "Spark in the Park" on Saturday, Sept. 10, from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Frederic Township Park, Frederic. There will also be children's activities, cotton candy, popcorn, snowcones and more. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. For more information, call 348-8318.

Township open house to be held

Frederic Township will be hosting an open house on Tuesday, Sept. 13, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at 6470 Manistee St., Frederic, to show the new township offices and community center. All Frederic residents are welcome and encouraged to attend. The regular September board meeting will follow the open house at 7 p.m.

COA to offer classes

The COA has restarted its Clogging classes. The class is free to both men and women. Classes will be Mondays at 1:30 p.m., beginning Sept. 12, for the experienced clogger and Tuesdays at 9:15 a.m., beginning Sept. 6 for beginners. Zumba Gold will hold classes every Monday at 12:30 p.m., beginning Sept. 12 and Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. for Zumba Gold in a chair starting Sept. 6. For more information, call 348-7123.

Photographic Society to meet

The Grayling Photographic Society will meet on Monday, Sept. 12, at 7 p.m., at the Citizens Bank, across from the Post Office. The program will be on the Creative Process, the effect of primary and secondary camera controls on the image, with emphasis on exposure, depth of field, and motion and more. Guests are welcome, including students. For information call, 256-603-7143, or stan@sprevost.net.

Alzheimer/Dementia Group to meet

The Alzheimer/Dementia Support Group will meet Sept. 13, from 11 a.m. to noon. Location has changed to The Brook, 205 Rose St, Grayling. Public is welcome to attend. For more information contact Sherry Haag at 348-4383 or Lindsay DeRousse at 348-0317.

Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new Web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, click on community and go to the community calendar.

River clean up set for weekend

Volunteers are invited to attend the 17th annual AuSable River Cleanup on Saturday.

Begun in 1994 by the Anglers of the AuSable, a grassroots, cold-water conservation group, volunteers wade and float over 70 miles of three different branches of the famed trout stream, cleaning debris from the river.

Expanded activities also include planting cedar trees along the riverbanks to protect the river from erosion, and added this year is a river cleanup on the AuSable River below the Mio Dam and cleaning up access sites.

Volunteers meet at the Gates AuSable Lodge, located at 471 Stephan Bridge Road, by 10 a.m., where assigned areas to

clean are set, then the volunteers spread out to wade and float the river.

After the cleanup, the George Alexander Memorial Luncheon is put on for the volunteers, where food and some entertainment bring an end to the day.

This is a huge event, with over 300 volunteers collecting and cleaning junk from the Mainstream, the South Branch, and the North Branch of the AuSable River.

Collected debris is returned to the Lodge, where dumpsters are filled.

In the past 16 years, everything from mattresses to running boards to shoes have been removed from the river. Tons of debris has been recovered.

Crafts and music at Wellington Farm

Wellington Farm, USA near Grayling will present their annual Northern Michigan Folk Arts Festival on Saturday, Sept. 10.

This festival provides farm visitors an opportunity to view the 60-acre living history farm in full operation and meet with local arts and craftsmen as they ply their trade. In addition, area musicians will be scattered about the farm performing on various folk arts instruments.

The event gets underway at 10 a.m. and concludes at 5 p.m. There is no additional admission for the event. Regular park admission is \$7.50 for adults and \$5.50 for seniors and students.

Conference to be held at Calvary Baptist Church

Calvary Baptist Church of Grayling will host the 40th Annual Northern Michigan Baptist Round Robin Missions Conference.

The history of this conference goes back over 50 years. The meetings will run Sunday through Wednesday, Sept. 11-14.

Calvary Baptist Church will have missionaries from Venezuela, Spain, the U. S. Military and a full-time replacement missionary to all foreign fields.

"If you have never attended a Round Robin Missions Conference, you will appreciate the wide variety of presentations," said Pastor B of Calvary Baptist Church of Grayling. "We invite everyone from the community and look forward to welcoming you to our expanded facilities for a very exciting experience."

A free luncheon will be served in the church fellowship hall after the Sunday morning service.

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- Coastie the Coast Guard Safety Boat-- Home Made Air Plane.
- Free Vision Check by the Lions Club of Roscommon

- Neil the Stilt Walker--Pillows the Clown-- Boy Scout Troop 944
- Gahagan Nature Preserve-- Edward Jones Investment
- Chemical Bank & Dollar the Silver Squirrel
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- Civil Air Patrol
- Friends Helping Friends
- WUPS 98.5 FM Live Remote-- Roscommon Free Methodist Church
- Kirtland Community College--Flint Knapping
- Roscommon Area District Library & Friends
- Higgins Lake, Roscommon, Grayling & St Helen Chamber of Commerce
- Michigan State Police--Santa House-- Christmas in the Village
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The Bible Speaks

Food Choices are God's Business

In Romans 14 God gives us instructions concerning differences between Christians regarding non-essentials of the faith. Verse 1 states the chief principle or overview. "1 Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations." Verse 2 gives the first example; differences over food choices: "2 For one believeth that he may eat all things; another, who is weak, eateth herbs." Verse 3 explains how to avoid divisions in the church over such food choices: "3 Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him. Verse 4 teaches us we are first and foremost accountable to God: "4 Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand."

First, God is the real master of His own: "4 Who art thou that judgest another man's servant?" God is our creator, our redeemer, our guide, and our hope. Romans 8:28-39 reminded us God is in charge of each Christian's life and nothing can separate us from His love. God the Holy Spirit indwells our body to guide us into all truth through His Word. (John 16:13). To illustrate this truth, suppose you invite a guest into your home and he starts rebuking and correcting your own children in your presence without your request or approval? Christians are God's children. (John 1:12). The Church is God's house! (1 Tim. 3:15).

Second, God is a right or righteous master of His own. v. 4b: "...to his own master he standeth or falleth..." "10 Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold

thee with the right hand of my righteousness." (Isaiah 41:10). As Peter said in Acts 5:29b: "...We ought to obey God rather than men." Jesus also rebuked the religious hypocrites of His day in Mark 7:5-9: "5 Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands? (traditional cleansing) 6 He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. 7 Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. 8 For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups; and many other such like things ye do. 9 And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition."

Third, God is a reliable, ruling master of His own, v. 4c: "...Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand." "25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." (Hebrews 7:25). "28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. 29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. 30 I and my Father are one." (John 10:28-30). "24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy." (Jude 1:24). Pastor "B"

The Bible Speaks is a paid advertisement and does not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of the Crawford County Avalanche.

Obituaries



Harold Merrill, Jr.

Harold "Bill" Merrill, Jr., age 84, died Aug. 28, 2011.

Beloved husband of the late Fran. Loving father of Elizabeth Merrill, Deborah (Glen) Womble, and Douglas (Cheryl) Merrill. Grandfather of nine and great-grandfather of seven. Brother of Joan (the late Ralph) Harris. Services have taken place. Memorials appreciated to The Upper Manistee River Association.

Obituary and condolences at lynchfuneraldirectors.com

Richard E. Bunger

Richard Elden Bunger, 79, of Houghton Lake, (and formerly from Grayling) passed away on August 31, 2011.

He was born in Arcanum, Ohio on June 16, 1932, a son of the late Helen (Rench) and Chester Bunger.

He served in the US Army during the Korean War.

He married the former Mary Merrill on August 20, 1983 in Grayling.

He worked as a real estate broker at Ken Chappel Real Estate, and retired from Auto-Value in 1996. He enjoyed country music and guitars.

He was a lifetime member of VFW in Ocala, Fla., American Legion of Luzerne, and Golden Eagle Charter member of Grayling Eagles.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; daughter, Cheryl Ann Bunger, of Florida; son, Darrell Lee Bunger of Florida; grandchildren, Christopher Bunger, Jamie Jo McEvers; and nephew, Bill Johnson of Grayling.

He was preceded in death by his son, Ricky Marvin Bunger and brother, Marvin Bunger.

A Celebration of Richard's Life will be held at the Grayling Eagles on Saturday September 17, 2011 between 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorenson-lockwood.com.

Arrangements entrusted to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Heather King

Heather King, 27, passed away on Sunday September 4, 2011.

Visitation for family and friends will be held on Thursday, September 8, 2011 between 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Graveside service will be held at Elmwood Cemetery on Friday, Sept. 9 at 11 a.m.

Arrangements entrusted to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Card of Thanks

Thank you to all my dear friends for the many cards and condolences during the recent tragic death of my sister, Karen Neal and her husband, Mike Newman.

Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Joan Neal



Geraldine Clemens

Geraldine Clemens, aged 78, formerly of Grand Rapids and Grayling, passed away Monday, Aug. 29, 2011 in Ocala, Fla.

Surviving are her husband of 58 years, Dale E. Clemens; son, Mark of Kansas City, Mo.; daughter Marianne (Russ) Harris of Sparta; daughter Dawn (Patrick) Ostrander of Wayland; son Eric (Diane) of Plano, Texas; grandchildren Karen Peevy, Casey and Carla Harris, Heather and Chelsea Failing, Hannah and Lauren Ostrander, Dale and Alexander Clemens; and four great grandchildren; sister Mary Lou Metro; several nieces and nephews and close friends.

According to her wishes, cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Marion County, 3231 SW 34th Ave, Ocala, FL 34474 or www.hospiceofmarion.com.

Dr. Arnold F. Sarya

Dr. Arnold F. Sarya, 77, of Traverse City, passed away August 29, 2011.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, September 8, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday, September 9, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home.

The funeral service will be held on Saturday, September 10, 2011 at 10 a.m. at the First Congregational Church in Traverse City.

Visit www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com to read the complete obituary and share your condolences with the family.

Iris Corr

Iris Corr, 81, of Grayling, passed away on Saturday Sept. 3, 2011. A memorial service will be held in the future.

Full obituary will be published in next weeks Avalanche.

Arrangements entrusted to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

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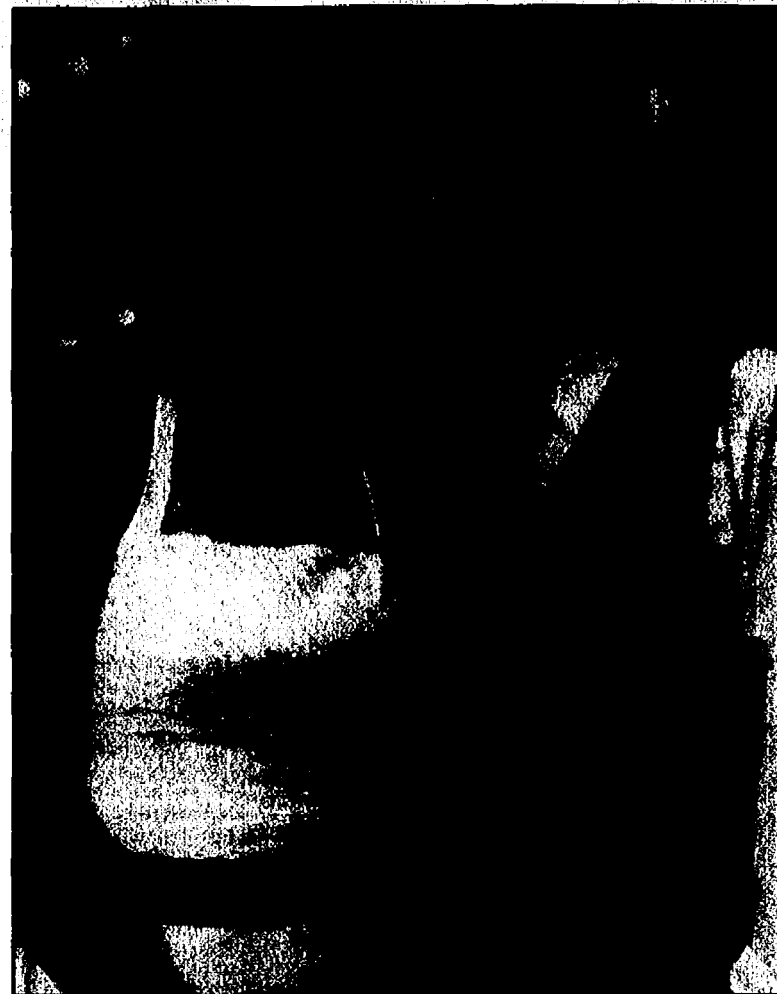
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Library News

Sit n' Knit @ Night will meet at Devereaux Memorial Library on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 5 p.m. Join our evening knitting club and we promise to keep you in stitches.

Find out what life is like inside a fishbowl at "Memoirs of a Goldfish" at Devereaux Memorial Library on Thursday, Sept. 15 at 3:30 p.m. Kids ages 6-12 can swim on over to the library for fish crafts, fish laughs and fish snacks at this splashy program celebrating the book chosen as the Michigan Reads! One State, One children's Book for 2011. Sign up at the library or call Jane at 989-348-9214.

Farmer, Robinson wed



Annie Farmer and Brian Johnson

Annie Farmer and Brian Johnson were married on August 13, 2011, at the Grayling Free Methodist Church.

Annie is the daughter of David and Jackie Farmer and the late Nancy Collard.

Brian is the son of Terri

and Jerry Robinson.

The bride's children Jacob, Austin and Brooklyn, along with friends and family, were in attendance. The couple completed the ceremony with the releasing of doves.

Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Sept. 9 - Lunch - breaded chicken sandwich, peas, potato salad and an orange. No Dinner. 10 a.m. card golf, 12 p.m. Frederic Satellite Meal, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo and Pool.

Monday, Sept. 12 - Lunch - original fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, baked beans and orange slices. Dinner - shepherds pie, cauliflower and grapes. 10 a.m. quilting, 12:30 Zumba Gold, 1 p.m. Bridge, 1:30 p.m. Clogging, 2:30 p.m. Bunco.

Tuesday, Sept. 13 - Lunch - stuffed cabbage, mashed potatoes, carrots and pears. Dinner - chicken stir-fry, rice, asparagus and pineapple. 9:15 a.m. Beginning Clogging, 10 a.m. Zumba Gold and Bible Study, 11 a.m. Zumba Gold in a Chair, 1 p.m. Euchre, 1

p.m. - 5 p.m. Foot Clinic - appointment required, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks, 5:30 p.m. Community Garden meeting at the garden.

Wednesday, Sept. 14 - Lunch - macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, Brussels sprouts and fruit cocktail. Birthday Dinner - baked ham, marshmallow sweet potatoes, peas and carrots, applesauce and cake and ice cream. 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. pool league, Wii Bowling and Mahjong.

Thursday, Sept. 15 - Lunch - turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, cranberry sauce, mandarin oranges and apple crisp. Dinner - tuna steak, scalloped potatoes, peas and applesauce. 10 a.m. craft class and Pokemo, 1 p.m. UNO Attack and Unlucky 7's, 3 p.m. Medicine Shoppe Bingo.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

Range Firing

Range activities at Camp Grayling for Sept. 15-21 will be as follows:

Small Arms Ranges, located north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline, south of Portage Creek and west of Lake Margrethe, Sept. 15-21.

Range 15, located south of the main post, bounded on the west by Grayling Moorestown Road/Cadillac Road and on the south by Carrier Road, Sept. 15-16.

The 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), Sept. 15-18; 20-21.

The 40 Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), Sept. 15-21.

The 30 Complex, located north of North Down River

Road, east of Jones Lake Road, south of County Road 612 and west of Bald Hill Truck Trail, Sept. 15-21.

In addition, the following roads will be closed Sept. 15-26: Bucks East-West Truck Trail from Jones Lake Road to Wakeley Bridge Road; Ketchum Truck Trail from Bucks East-West to North Down River Road; Stephen Bridge Road from County Road 612 to North Down River Road; Wakeley Bridge Road from County Road 612 to North Down River Road.

This firing schedule is subject to change without notice.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371. For further information call 989-344-6100.

Births

Jamie and Marty Harris of Grayling, announce the birth of their son, Jackson Brian, born at Mercy Hospital on August 29, 2011, at 8:15 a.m., weighing 7 lbs., 4 ozs., and measuring 19 inches in length.

Megan Kleis and Nicholas D'Amour of Grayling, announce the birth of a son, Easton William, born at Mercy Hospital on Aug. 30, 2011, at 9:24 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 9.4 oz., and measuring 21 inches in length.



Church Alive!

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• Wednesday Evening Service
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Pastor: robert@churchalive.com

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The Rev. Elizabeth M. Chace, Rector
6441 West M-72, Grayling, MI
Church office: 989-348-5850
church@stfrancisepiscopal.org
Sunday Worship Services at 8:30 & 10:30 am
Except 2nd Sunday at 9:30 only
Wednesday Holy Eucharist 8:30am
followed by Bible Study
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Bear Lake Christian Church
Pastor: Scott Hoffer
231 E. Bear Lake Rd., Kalkaska, MI
(Corner of M-72 & Bear Lake Rd.)
231-258-6107
Sunday Worship - 10am
Sunday School - 9am
Youth Group - Wed. Evenings 6:30pm
Prayer Meeting - Wed. Evenings 5:30pm
Adult Bible Study - Wed. Evenings 6:45pm
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www.bearlakechristianchurch.org

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Pastor Sam Smith
8133 Bald Hill Rd. off Co
Rd 612
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Sunday Morning Worship 11am
Wednesday Evening
Worship 7 pm

Calvary Baptist Church

Pastor:
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Morning Worship: 10:30am
Evening Worship: 6pm
Wednesday: 7pm
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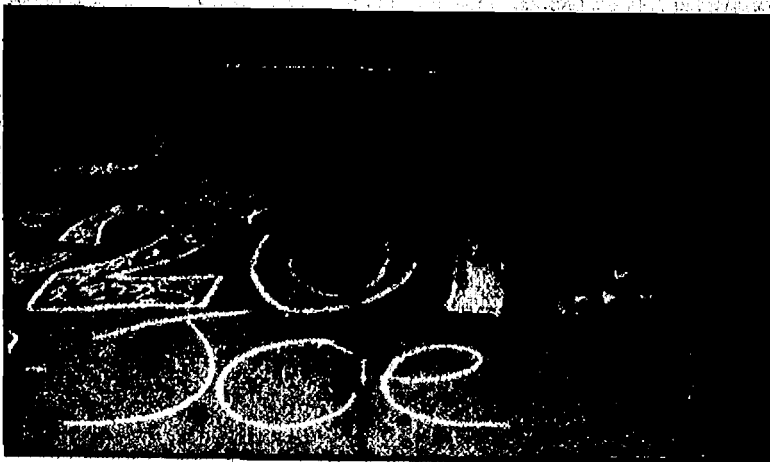


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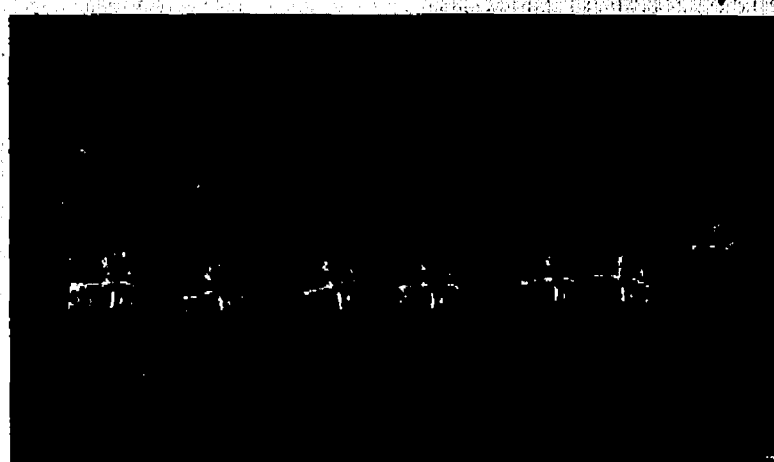


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The Back to School Gang met for the last time on Monday. Left, the students colored and signed the sidewalk leading into the Grayling High School. Right, the students took part in the Mackinac Bridge Walk together.



BACK TO SCHOOL GANG MEETS FOR ONE LAST HURRAH

In 2001, when it was time to get ready for school, Doug and Tracy Wilson found their son, Camren, nervous about starting first grade.

Camren had not seen a lot of his friends all summer and was worried about how that would go as much as learning a new teacher and routine for first grade.

The Wilsons decided to have a "Back to School" party to help alleviate some of the first day jitters and the story began.

The party quickly became filled with traditions like a back to school supply gift exchange, the game of four corners and lots of food. In second grade the students used sidewalk chalk to color a "Welcome Back" theme on the sidewalk and the Crawford County Avalanche put them on the front page with their artwork. In fifth grade they

built a time capsule with each student filling out a form about the past, present and future and each put an item in the time capsule that represented what was important to them at that age. The time capsule was put away until this year, 2011, just before the start of their Senior Year. Opening the time capsule was a major element of this year's final Back to School party. Reading about all the stuff that was important to them in fifth grade was a major highlight. They heard about favorite teachers, first lunch boxes, favorite cafeteria food and even major historical events like 9/11 and the war in Iraq. They wrote about what they wanted to do in high school, where they might go to college and what they wanted to be when they grew up.

Over the years, the parties grew in complexity

including special themes like a seventh grade toga party, ninth grade green and white theme party and the 11th grade interactive CLUE game.

At some point, discussion of what they wanted to do for their senior year was discussed and the students decided that to participate in one of Michigan's biggest annual traditions would be the perfect way to bring the group to its conclusion. On Labor Day, 11 of the 14 original Back

to School students walked the Mackinac Bridge together. Three had to miss the walk because of family or work commitments.

The day ended at the high school chalking the sidewalk one last time.

"It was a fantastic start to their senior year," said Tracy Wilson. "It's amazing to go back and really see how much they have grown and changed over the years and its fun to be part of life long memories."

Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 136 complaints the week of Aug. 28 - Sept. 4.

Twenty five general non-criminal complaints, three false alarm activations, one criminal sexual conduct fourth-degree-forcible contact, one burglary/home invasion, two burglaries/forced entry-residences, one larceny, two larcenies from yards, three larcenies-other, one embezzlement-business property, two damage to property-business property complaints, two damage to property-private property complaints, one marijuana possession, one dangerous drugs, five public peace/disorderly complaints, two anarchy complaints, two public peace/other complaints, one OUIL/UBAL, two operating under the

influence of drugs, one violations of operating with a blood alcohol content, two portable signal preemption devices, nine health and safety reports, two health and safety violations, two off road vehicle violations, two violations of conservation laws, two miscellaneous criminal offenses, three miscellaneous arrests, 10 traffic accidents, four accidents non-traffic, four traffic violations-civil infractions, two traffic safety public appearances, one accident-all other, four inspections-motor vehicle, nine investigations-family trouble, 22 suspicious situations and one reckless driving.

Sheriff Wakefield asks, "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

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Grayling Youth Booster Club

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Township board trashes transfer station millage

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

In a day when economic phrases like debt ceiling, budget cuts and deficits dominate the headlines, the Lovells Township Board was able to trash one tax levy for its citizens.

The Lovells Township Board recently voted not to collect a millage to fund its transfer stations on the upcoming winter tax bills. The transfer stations are operated to collect trash and

recyclable materials.

In 2001, Lovells Township voters passed a millage to fund the township's transfer stations by an 82 yes to 51 no vote. The millage, sought as part of a special election, allows the township to collect the millage through 2020.

The Headlee amendment, a state mandate that requires millages to be reduced to account for inflation, has reduced the amount the millage generated over the years.

In 2010, the Lovells Township Board reduced the transfer station to one-half a mill because auditors said the township had too much money in the fund.

Currently, the transfer station fund had a balance of \$348,000. The average cost to run the transfer stations, located on Old County Road 612 and McMaster's Bridge Road, was \$94,850.

Instead of allowing the fund to grow further, the board opted to give the township residents a tax break.

For a homeowner with a house worth \$100,000, which has a state equalized value of \$50,000, eliminat-

ing the tax will mean residents will not have to pay \$62.50 for the transfer station on the 2011 winter tax bills.

"It was obvious that we couldn't keep whittling away at the millage, so we had to take an aggressive look at it, and the aggressive look was to do away with the millage," said Lovells Township Supervisor Gary Neumann, who was appointed to the position in February.

Neumann said the township board would have liked to use funds raised by the millage to purchase a fire truck, but since it was exclusively approved by voters for the transfer stations, the money could not be moved to cover other budget expenditures.

"We didn't really have any other options but to reduce it," Neumann said.

Township Attorney Bryan Graham said the board could place the millage back on the tax rolls since it was authorized through 2020.

"All these township board decisions can be made without further action by voters since the voters have previously authorized the

millage to two mills through 2020," Graham said.

Ideally, the township will allow the fund to get to where it will pay for six to nine months of transfer station operations, then the board can address the rate of millage it would collect.

In the meantime, the board will monitor the fund and transfer station operations on an annual basis.

"I know we will never go back to the two mills," Neumann said. "In a couple of years, we have to look at it again just to maintain the status quo."

Neumann said cutting the millage provides transparency for township residents who track the financial books.

"We just took the responsible way to operate and removed the millage for the foreseeable future," Neumann said.

Lovells Township Clerk Cynthia Infante credited the township board for working together as a team and Neumann for his leadership on budget issues.

"He has been an awesome leader and certainly knows how to get the job done," she said.

Military News

Joshua D. Wright of Grayling, has completed

basic combat training at Ft. Jackson, SC.

Wright is a member of Fox Trot Company 237th Forward Support Battalion, Michigan Army National Guard, and is assigned as an Automated Logistics

Supply Specialist.

Wright is a senior at Grayling High School and upon graduation he will be assigned to Ft. Lee, Va. where he will complete his Advanced Individual Training.

Studio North will offer new ways to get in shape

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Grayling residents will have a new option to get into shape and stay fit using a number of dance and fitness workouts starting next week.

Ashley Schreiner will open the doors at Studio North, located 6674 M-72 West, on Monday, Sept. 12.

Schreiner started her dancing career with well known local dance instructor Louise Tournaud.

Studio North will offer instruction in ballet, tap and jazz dancing as well as gymnastics, tumbling and boy's tumbling.

Studio North will also feature one of the latest trends in fitness training with a focus on Zumba training.

Zumba fitness includes Salsa, Colombian, hip hop reggae, tango and Flamenco dancing.

"It's a dance, fitness workout with international rhythms," Schreiner said. "You learn the dance and do your workout. We say party yourself into shape, because it's a lot of fun and people are smiling through the whole workout so it makes it a lot more fun than most other fitness workouts."

Studio North will offer Zumba Gold and Zumba circuit workouts, which include dancing and utilizing workout equipment, in a sequence.

In October, Schreiner plans to offer Zumba aqua classes at the Super 8 Motel. Schreiner has certifications to teach all Zumba fitness lessons.

Lisa Upton, who has been teaching Zumba fitness in Grayling the last two years, will be a Studio North



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Ashley Schreiner will open the doors at Studio North, located 6674 M-72 West, on Monday, Sept. 12. Above, is Schreiner a certified Zumba fitness instructor and also trained under well known local dance instructor Louise Tournaud.

instructor.

"We'll be joining forcing and she'll be teaching here a couple days a week," Schreiner said.

Stacy and Josh Bruzynski, who moved to the community from Bay City, will be teaching the gymnastics and tumbling.

Finally, Gaye Pizzi, who has operated her company Dance Attitudes for years, will be teaching waltz and ballroom dancing at Studio North on Friday evenings.

"It was a great opportunity for her and a great and really exciting opportunity for us to get her in here," Schreiner said. "Hopefully, we can get some people in

here for a date night for their dance lessons then they can go out and have dinner."

Registration for dance and fitness lessons remain open and people can contact Studio North at (989) 745-5256.

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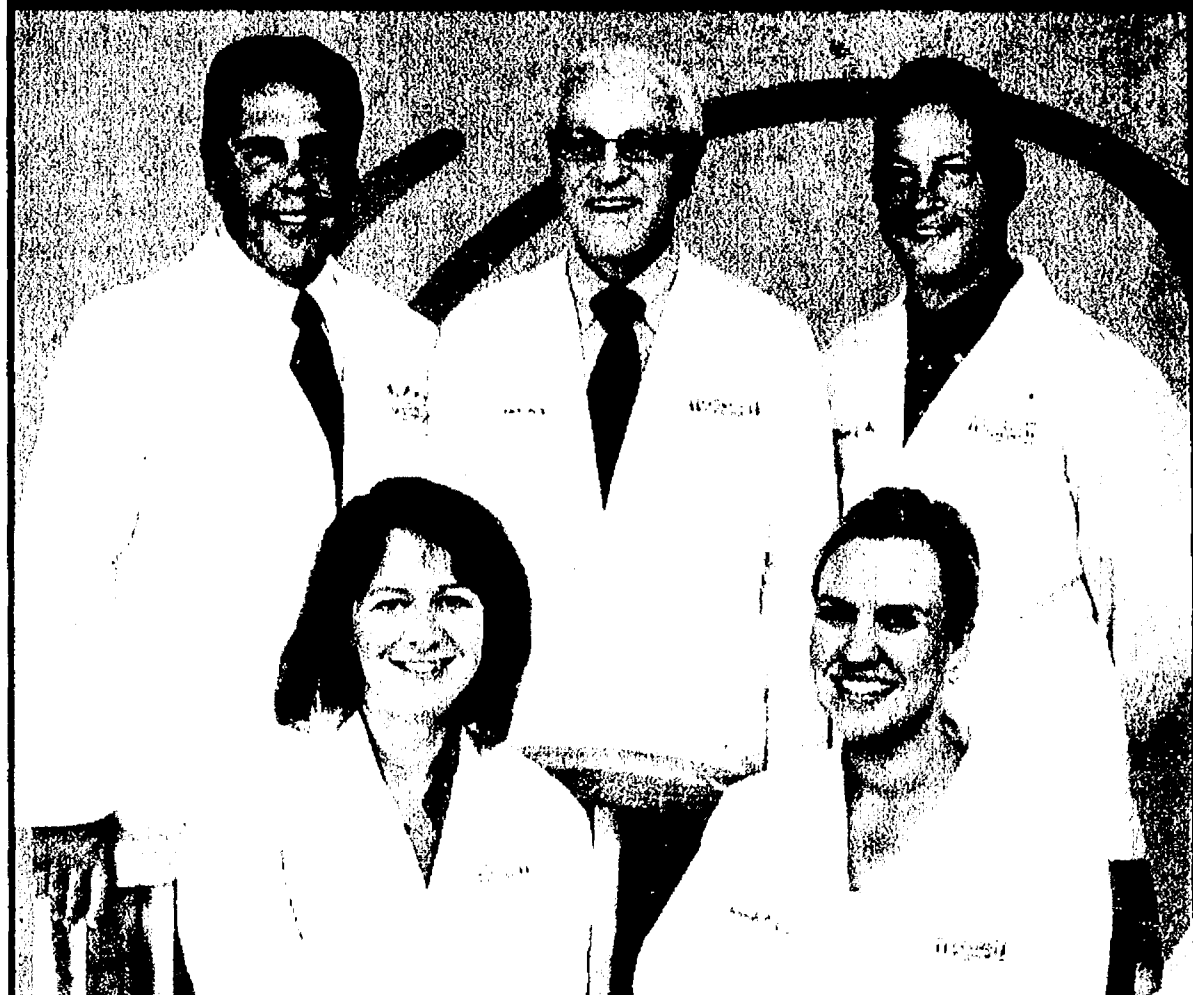
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Family, National Guard honor Higgins Lake veteran for World War II Service

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Cannon said the military faced a backlog of paper-work after 16 million men and women ended fighting after World War II and went on help rebuild America and start families.

"At the end of World War II, when the war effort was over and the ships came home, they said go on home," Cannon said.

Alexander also received the Philippines Liberation Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Pacific Campaign Medal and Philippines Republic Presidential Unit Citation Badge.

"It was a privilege and honor for me to be able to present those awards," Cannon said. "The untimely presentation of the awards does not diminish the significance of those awards and his contributions. This guy is a hero, but like most World War II guys, they're pretty humble and they're not going to talk about what they did. It was a big Army and a big effort across the world. We have trouble keeping up with the awards we give out today with all the technology that we have."

Cannon, the former Kalkaska County Sheriff, was in a Marine Corps boot

camp two weeks after graduating from high school and serving in Vietnam five months later. He said he looked up to the World War II veterans as a young man and Marine.

"The World War II guys were leaders," said Cannon, who has also served two tours of duty in Iraq. "They were the leaders in our military and leaders in our communities."

Alexander grew up on a family farm in Fowlerville. He didn't care for farming, so he opted to join the U.S. Army before World War II started in the South Pacific in 1940.

"I really didn't like farming so that's when I decided to join the service because there was really no work available at that time," Alexander said about the Great Depression era. "I'm glad I joined. I had good times and bad times, just like everybody else."

Alexander, who served as a medic, was in and out of danger, providing aid to infantry troops who were being bombed. He first served with military troops from Australia, then spent the rest of the war fighting hand-in-hand with his American comrades.

"We fought with whoever

needed us," Alexander said.

Alexander was wounded when Japanese pilots were dropping anti-personnel bombs on Allied troops and strafing bullets with their machine guns. He was hit with a fragment in the right shoulder.

"I was not life threatening or anything so I kept right on fighting and doing my duty," Alexander said.

During the war, Alexander said he was honored to meet Winston Churchill, the prime minister of Great Britain, and other world leaders and top generals for the Allied forces.

"I thought that was pretty important and nice because I was pretty much just a snot-nosed brat back in those days," he said.

After the war was over, Alexander did not come back with the rest of his unit because he was stationed on a medical ship, providing care to wounded soldiers.

But like Cannon said, once Alexander arrived home, he moved on with his life.

"The whistle blew and I walked out the gate," Alexander recalled.

Alexander got a job working for the State of

Michigan. He served as a building and grounds keeper, firefighter, transportation and safety employee. Alexander worked his way up the ladder to where he was a plant superintendent in Plymouth before he retired and moved north.

Alexander and his wife have five children, 11 grandchildren five great grandchildren. He was pleased to receive the recognition for his military efforts among family over the Labor Day weekend.

At first it didn't mean much for me, but my grandchildren wanted this to happen, and I can see why they did, so it's been a great honor and privilege to receive these awards," he said. "It's something that you don't expect."

MacNamara said he was simply asked to coordinate with the awards presentation on behalf of Herblet, who is a friend of Kemp's.

"It was an honor to be here," MacNamara said who served a tour of duty in Afghanistan. "Cpl. Alexander is a hero to our country and for the efforts from him, the other soldiers, seamen and Marines that fought, maybe the country and world would be a much different place."

Grayling Charter Township Board sets second hearing for administrative proposal

Continued from Page 1

Grayling Township resident Dave Stephenson questioned creating more government in Crawford County where there are only 14,000 to 15,000 citizens. There are six townships, the City of Grayling and the county that taxpayers have to fund.

Stephenson is chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, but stressed he was not serving in that capacity at the hearing. County officials have proposed to combine and consolidate services to make it easier on the wallets and pocketbooks of local citizens.

"To me, that's just absolutely crazy as far as what it costs the taxpayers," said Stephenson of having all the townships and services divided.

Wright said he was the one who proposed the idea to create the township superintendent's position. Wright and board members stressed that the proposal had nothing to do with Wright's pending retirement, which came unexpectedly.

"We can't convince him to stay and we've tried," Long said.

The board had said it would adver-

tise for the township superintendent's position. Grayling Charter Township Building and Zoning Officer and Zoning Enforcement Officer Bob Dixon, has offered to step into the position without any extra pay.

"He's a good employee and he has always risen to the challenge," Long said.

Even if the township board brings in a new person, resident Gary McConnell said any efficiency gained will be lost when that employee moves on to take a better job in a couple years.

"This is an entry level position and every two years your going to be replacing that person as they move up the ladder," McConnell said.

After about two hours of taking public input and answering questions, the township board put the brakes on the discussion.

The board will hold a second public hearing a 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 13, which will allow residents who work to give their input.

Also, Township Clerk Monica Ashton was not at the first public hearing due to a family medical emer-

gency. Township Trustee Shawn Krayes, who just returned from serving a tour of duty in Kuwait, was also not in attendance.

"If we can fill this room again, we can educate the people, I think that's important," Olson said.

The board did agree to advertise for a level-two tax assessor with a negotiable salary not to exceed \$45,000. Wright currently is the only tax assessor for the township. Pat Kangas, who was training to become a level-two assessor, recently left her position with the township. The state mandates that townships have level-two tax assessors and the board believes that hiring an assessor would be more prudent than having a contract for the services.

Wright appointed Dixon to serve as deputy township supervisor.

The board will have 45-days after Wright retires to appoint a new township supervisor no matter which direction they go with the duty split proposal.

"It puts you in a little bit of a box to get a lot accomplished in a short amount of time," Stephenson said.

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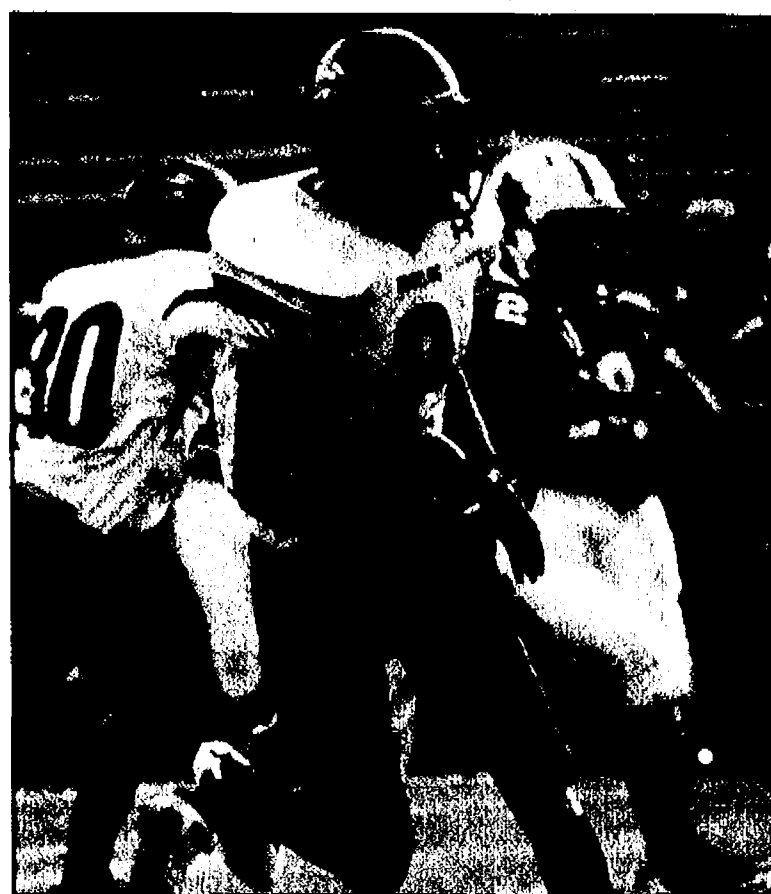
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Offensive lineman Tom Burrell, left, gets ready to take on a Houghton Lake defender on Thursday. Scott Parkinson, center, runs with the ball after intercepting a Houghton Lake pass attempt. Tyler McClanahan, right, tucks the ball after catching a pass near the sideline.

Varsity football team wins 46-29 at Houghton Lake

Grayling moves to 2-0 with nonconference victory

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

The Grayling Vikings defeated the Houghton Lake Bobcats 46-29 in a nonconference varsity football game played at Houghton Lake last Thursday.

Grayling scored first, with quarterback Zane Tobin hitting Riley Zigila on a deep route for a 69-yard TD on the first offensive play of the game. Houghton Lake blocked the extra point kick.

The Bobcats punted on 4th and 4; they downed the ball at the 45-yard line.

Grayling drove 55 yards on nine plays, finishing the series with a four-yard TD pass from Tobin to Steven Enos. The drive also included a catch by Tyler McClanahan on 4th and 5 to keep the series alive, a 12-yard completion to Scott Parkinson, and a 10-yard pass to Enos. Kevin Harris

kicked the extra point. Grayling led 13-0 with 8:04 left in the first quarter.

On 3rd and 25 Parkinson intercepted a Houghton Lake pass attempt on a deep route. Grayling started 14 yards from the goal line. Three plays later, on 4th and 15, the Vikings picked up a first down on a 14-yard screen pass to Zigila. On 1st and goal at the 1-yard line Grayling fumbled and Houghton Lake recovered the loose ball.

The Bobcats punted on 4th and 8 from their 20-yard line; the ball went out of bounds at their 36-yard line.

Grayling was unable to take advantage of the good starting field position and the series ended with an incomplete pass on 4th and 5.

Houghton Lake drove into Grayling territory, keeping its series alive with a fake punt on 4th

and 3, but Grayling forced a fumble on 2nd and 6 and Camren Wilson recovered the ball for the Vikings.

Grayling started at its 33-yard line. A shovel pass to Ty Jensen gained 46 yards. Passes to Joey Schwartz and McClanahan picked up a first down. Schwartz scored on an eight-yard run on 1st and goal. The two-point conversion attempt failed. GHS led 19-0 with 9:09 left in the first half.

The Bobcats returned Grayling's kickoff to mid-field. Houghton Lake drove 46 yards on seven plays, capping the possession with a 1-yard TD plunge on 2nd and goal. They kicked the extra point and trailed 19-7 with 5:51 left in the second quarter.

Grayling went for it on 4th and 1 and came up short, giving Houghton Lake the ball 29 yards from the goal line. The Bobcats

went for it on 4th and 1 and they came up short, giving the ball back to the Vikings. The resulting series ended with a punt. An incomplete pass on 4th and 7 ended Houghton Lake's next possession.

Grayling started at its 34-yard line with 1:07 left in the first half. Tobin threw to Enos for a 12-yard gain. A pass to Parkinson picked up six yards. Jensen rushed for 16 yards on 3rd and 4. Houghton Lake intercepted a Grayling pass attempt on the next play.

The Vikings sacked Houghton Lake's QB on 1st and 10, ending the half. Grayling led 19-7.

Houghton Lake started the first possession of the second half at its 29-yard line. The Bobcats punted on 4th and 7; the officials ruled that the kick touched a Grayling player downfield and Houghton Lake recovered the ball 24 yards from the goal line. On 4th and 10 a

dropped pass in the end zone ended the series.

On the next play – 1st and 10 for GHS from its 24-yard line – the Bobcats intercepted a deflected pass and returned it for a touch-down. Grayling stopped the two-point conversion attempt. The Vikings led 19-13.

On 4th and 2 Grayling went for it and scored on a shovel pass play. Jensen caught the flip from Tobin and went 44 yards for the TD. Zigila ran the ball for the two-point conversion on a faked kick attempt. The Vikings led 27-13 with 6:41 remaining in the third quarter.

Houghton Lake returned Grayling's kickoff to mid-field. On 4th and 8, 21 yards from the end zone, Zigila intercepted a Houghton Lake pass attempt.

Grayling drove 88 yards on See **VARSITY** | Pg. 18

Soccer team wins 7-1 in league game at Kalkaska

Vikings move to 2-0 in LMC with 5-3 victory vs. Rams

The Grayling Vikings scored seven goals in the first half of Monday's varsity boys soccer game – a Lake Michigan Conference match at Kalkaska, the squad's first league test of the season – and cruised to a 7-1 vic-

tory vs. the Blazers.

Grayling scored its first goal of the match at the 23:40 mark in the first half; Tyler Powers scored for the Vikings on the play. With approximately 17 minutes left in the

first half Kalkaska's goalkeeper deflected a shot by Powers and Carson Burmeister kicked the airborne rebound into the net for Grayling's second goal of the night.

See **SOCCER TEAM** | Pg. 12



Photos by Caleb Casey

Jacob Robbins, left, goes after an airborne ball during Monday night's soccer game at Kalkaska. Keanu Quintana dribbles the ball for the Vikings on Monday vs. the Blazers.

4th quarter TD pass, two stops on defense win it for GHS

JV football team off to 2-0 start with victory vs. Bobcats

The game – a nonconference junior varsity football contest pitting the Grayling Vikings against the visiting Houghton Lake Bobcats – was tied at 26-26 going into the fourth quarter. Grayling scored on a 56-yard TD pass and the squad's defense protected the lead. The Vikings won 34-26.

With the score tied at 26-26 late in the third period, Grayling's defense forced a turnover on downs near the goal line. The Vikings took over deep in their own territory. On the first play of the resulting drive Houghton Lake intercepted a Grayling pass attempt; the Bobcats started 14 yards from the end zone.

Two running plays brought up 3rd and 21. A fumbled snap resulted in a four-yard loss. An incomplete pass on fourth down – the first play of the fourth quarter – ended the series.

Two running plays for Grayling – Michael Branch was the ball carrier on both – picked up a first down. On 1st and 10, quarterback Jake Swander threw deep to Brandon Latusek, who caught the pass and ran all the way to the end zone for a 56-yard TD. Branch ran the ball for Grayling on the successful two-point conversion.

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Jared Robbins, left, dribbles the ball for the Vikings during Monday's win at Kalkaska. Nick Wells, right, kicks the ball for Grayling.

Soccer team wins 7-1 in league game at Kalkaska

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Trevor Dewitt scored two goals for Grayling, with just over one minute of clock time separating them (9:44 and 8:43).

Jeff LaVigne scored for GHS at the 7:12 mark. Dewitt posted his third goal of the match at the 6:04 mark. Powers scored his second goal of the contest with 3:05 remaining in the first half.

Grayling led 7-0 at half-time. Kalkaska scored one goal in the second half and the Vikings won by a final score of 7-1.

"The starters were great; the second string was good," Coach Nate Alyas said. "Today was a great game. The players did a real good job."

"I wanted to see better shots. We had a lot of high shots; I want low shots. Other than that, they played

a really good game," Coach Alyas said.

Grayling also won its league game at Harbor

Springs on Thursday, Sept. 1; the Vikings defeated the Rams 5-3.

Grayling (2-3 overall, 2-0

conference) will host Alcona, a nonconference opponent, at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 7.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Jordan Bulmer controls the ball for the Vikings during last week's league game at Kalkaska.



Vinicius Prieto, left, dribbles the ball for the Vikings. Patrick King, right, stops an airborne ball vs. Kalkaska



Mike Gardiner goes after the ball near the sideline.

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Coach Chris Kucharek talks to his players after Wednesday night's victory vs. Houghton Lake.

4th quarter TD pass, two stops on defense win it for GHS

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The Vikings led 34-26 with 11:11 remaining in the contest.

Houghton Lake started at its 39-yard line. On the third play of the series - 3rd and 6 - a fumbled snap resulted in a 14-yard loss. The Bobcats punted on 4th and 20.

A penalty (block in the back) moved Grayling back 10 yards and the series ended with a punt on 4th and 6.

Houghton Lake started at its 43-yard line with 7:35 left in regulation. Three rushing plays brought up 4th and 16. A penalty (illegal substitution) moved them back another five yards. The Bobcats punted on 4th and 21, downing the ball at their 47-yard line.

Grayling took over at mid-field with 5:07 remain-

ing in the game. Three runs by Branch gained 13 yards and a first down. Two penalties (holding and false start) moved Grayling back. A run by Scout Tobin, plus 15 yards for a face mask penalty on Houghton Lake, brought up 2nd and 4. Branch ran for 10 yards, giving Grayling a first down with 1:04 remaining. The Vikings knelt twice to kill the last minute; they won by eight, 34-26.

Swander was 17 for 24 with 234 passing yards and four TDs. Branch rushed for 97 yards and one TD on 16 carries. Latusek caught five passes for 104 yards with two TDs. Peyton Zigala had six receptions for 65 yards. Tobin had two catches for 47 yards.

On defense, William Romain had 11 tackles and one sack. Branch also had

11 tackles. Jeff Myers had 10 tackles and two sacks. Emmett Helsel had seven tackles and Darin Nicholas had five tackles.

"The kids won this game because of their hard work during the off-season. Conditioning was a big factor in this game. The offensive line and defensive line dominated in the trenches. I was very pleased with the team's ability to make defensive adjustments on the field," Coach Chris Kucharek said. "We held Houghton Lake to zero offensive yards for the entire second half."

"Breakout game for Jake Swander at QB and William Romain getting his first start at (middle linebacker). They looked unstoppable at times," Assistant Coach Ron Wyman said.

Grayling (2-0 overall)

will play at Boyne City on Thursday, Sept. 8, at 6 p.m.

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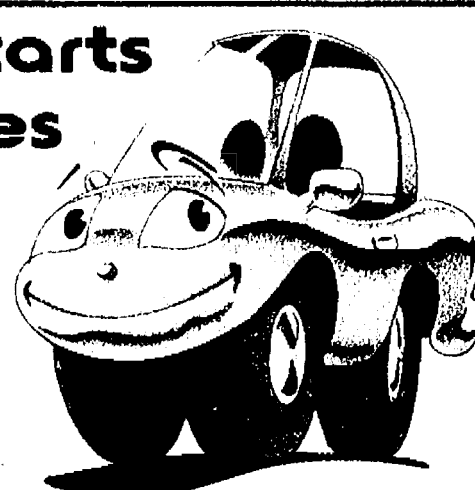
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 28, 2011, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon in the lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five (\$75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

PARCEL "B-2":
 Being part of the NW1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 20, Town 26 North, Range 1 West, South Branch

Township, Crawford County, Michigan, Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 20, T26N, R1W; thence S02°45'46"E along the West Section line 407.87 feet for a Point of Beginning; thence N89°37'17"E 706.39 feet; thence N70°39'01"E 317.68 feet to a point on the West bank of the South Branch of the AuSable River; thence S05°36'44"E along the West Bank (next 5 courses) and intermediate traverse line 283.74 feet; thence N71°38'48"W 243.83 feet; thence S67°49'04"W 124.40 feet; thence S55°39'47"W 199.99 feet; thence S02°42'07"W 113.58 feet; thence S88°06'38"W 279.80 feet; thence S02°45'46"E (parallel with the West Section line) 200.00 feet; thence S89°43'25"W (parallel with the North Section line) 218.80 feet to the West Section line; thence N02°45'46"W along said West Section line 579.63 feet to the Point of Beginning. Parcel extends to the center of the South Branch of the AuSable River with riparian rights thereto. Subject to the correlative rights of other riparian landowners and rights of the public and of any governmental unit in any part thereof lying beneath the waters of the South Branch of the AuSable River. TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO: Easements for ingress and egress recorded in Liber 209, Pages 401-404 and Liber 132, Pages 473 and Liber 24, Pages 419-420 and Liber 293, Page 311, Crawford County Records. SUBJECT TO: Easements in Liber 295, Page 362 and Liber 421, Page 135, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are heretofore or hereafter conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date, or otherwise

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Dated: August 18, 2011

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Said premises are located in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Situated in the Township of Beaver Creek, County of Crawford and State of Michigan to wit:

Parcel 1: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West; thence North 0 degrees 49 minutes West (along the East Section line) 657.90 feet; thence South 88 degrees 08 minutes 15 seconds West, 1499.82 feet; thence North 0 degrees 53 minutes 18 seconds West 33 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 88 degrees 08 minutes 15 seconds West 16.5 feet; thence North 0 degrees 53 minutes 18 seconds West 624.84 feet; thence North 88 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds East 16.5 feet; thence South 0 degrees 53 minutes 18 seconds East 624.84 feet to the point of beginning, being part of the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West. Being the same more or less but subject to all legal highways.

Parcel 2: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West; thence West 12 rods to the point of beginning; thence South 38 rods; thence West 8 rods; thence North 38 rods; thence East 8 rods to the point of beginning. Being the same more or less but subject to all legal highways.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

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 File No. 285.3757

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NOTICE

FORECLOSURE NOTICE RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES, P.C. MAY BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Timothy G. Blackmer and Janice D. Blackmer, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Fidelity Mortgage of Michigan INC, Mortgagee, dated October 29, 2003, and recorded on November 18, 2003, in Liber 658, Page 613, Crawford County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., successor by merger to Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A., as Trustee f/k/a Norwest Bank Minnesota, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of Renaissance Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2003-4 by an Assignment of Mortgage which has been submitted to the Crawford County Register of Deeds, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fourteen Thousand Three Hundred Eleven and 72/100 (\$14,311.72) including interest at the rate of 9.490000% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court in said Crawford County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on October 5, 2011 Said premises are situated in the Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 11, Plat of Greenacre Subdivision according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 40 Crawford County Records. Commonly known as: 5152 Green Acres Dr The redemption period shall be 12.00 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. Dated:

September 1, 2011 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., successor by merger to Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A., as Trustee f/k/a Norwest Bank Minnesota, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of Renaissance Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2003-4 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 248-335-9200 Case No. 11OMI00668-1 -1-8-15-22

NOTICE

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-25-1-8-15

NOTICE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY OR IF YOU ARE IN BANKRUPTCY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jack A. Ray and Yvonne L. Ray, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 28, 2005 and recorded November 3, 2005 in Liber 678, Page 242, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by GMAC Mortgage, LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Eight and 1/100 Dollars (\$55,228.01) including interest at 6.25% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on SEPTEMBER 28, 2011. Said premises are located in the Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Township of Lovells, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows: The South 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 26, Town 27 North, Range 1 West. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property,

please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: August 25, 2011 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 File No. 618.9989

-25-1-8-15

NOTICE

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-18-25-1-8

NOTICE

FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Willard J. Chipman and Michelle M. Chipman, Husband and Wife to Northwestern Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated August 6, 2007 and recorded August 10, 2007 in Liber 688 Page 61 Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Six Dollars and Twenty-Seven Cents (\$135,006.27) including interest 7.375% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on September 21, 2011 Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 213 and 214, Twin Peaks No. 1, Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 03 of Plats, Page 35, Crawford County Records. Commonly known as 6092 Winterport, Frederic MI 49733 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later. Dated: 8/18/2011 Northwestern Mortgage Company Mortgage Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 11-43237

-18-25-1-8

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your

damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Barstle W. Cross and Audra Cross, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated January 17, 2003, and recorded on February 3, 2003 in Liber 618 on Page 379, and assigned by mesne assignments to Chase Mortgage Company, an Ohio Corporation as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Five Thousand One Hundred Forty-Six and 91/100 Dollars (\$95,146.91), including interest at 5.875% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on September 28, 2011.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Being a part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 35, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Section 35, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, thence South 01 degrees 38 minutes 30 seconds West along the North-South 1/4 line, 333.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 37 minutes 30 seconds West 341.81 feet for a point of beginning; thence continuing South 89 degrees 37 minutes 30 seconds West 211.69 feet to the bank of the Ausable River; thence South 26 degrees 42 minutes 12 seconds West along the bank and traverse line (next 5 courses) 155.65 feet; thence South 75 degrees 47 minutes 35 seconds West 88.62 feet; thence South 47 degrees 18 minutes 54 seconds West 126.03 feet; thence South 80 degrees 11 minutes 52 seconds West 128.48 feet; thence South 04 degrees 45 minutes 07 seconds East 66.33 feet; thence North 89 degrees 37 minutes 30 seconds East 573.59 feet; thence North 01 degrees 20 minutes East 331.94 feet to the point of beginning, and containing 3.7 acres more or less to the Ausable River. Subject to a County Road right-of-way over the Easterly side thereof. Further subject to: Restrictions, Reservations, Agreements and Easements, if any. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: August 25, 2011 For more information, please call: FC S (248) 593-1304

Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #304719F02

-25-1-8-15

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 1/2 of Lots 7 and 8, Block 6, Hadley's Amended Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 8, Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: August 25, 2011 For more information, please call: FC S (248) 593-1304 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #362221F02

-25-1-8-15

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William George Garrod, unmarried, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 2, 2007, and recorded on November 19, 2007 in Liber 689 on Page 282, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Nationstar Mortgage LLC as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twelve Thousand Fifty-Six and 00/100 Dollars (\$12,056.00), including interest at 2% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on October 12, 2011. Said premises are situated in Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 660 feet of the East 330 feet of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 22, Town 28 North, Range 3 West. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA

600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: September 8, 2011 For more information, please call: FC H (248) 593-1300 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #377308F01

-8-15-22-29

STATE OF MICHIGAN 46TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT - FAMILY DIVISION CRAWFORD COUNTY PUBLICATION OF HEARING CASE NO. 11-3965-NA PETITION NO. 01

IN THE MATTER OF: Seth Bush, DOB: 7/31/01; Aeris Bush, DOB: 1/16/99

A hearing regarding to decide, at a trial, whether one or more of the statutory grounds alleged in the petition are true, will be conducted by the court on October 5, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. in the Crawford County Family Court, Grayling, MI before Hon. Monte J. Burnmeister.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that April Niese personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above.

This hearing may result in permanent termination of your parental rights over the above named minor children.

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Notice of Public Hearing and Special Board Meeting

September 13, 2011

The Grayling Charter Township Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing regarding proposed ordinance 2011-01, known as the Grayling Charter Township Administrative Ordinance, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13, 2011, in the conference room of the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling.

The proposed ordinance delineates the duties of the Grayling Township Supervisor and Superintendent during the transition from a fulltime supervisor with all the inherent administrative duties as assigned by the board of trustees, to a part time supervisor with only statutory duties, and to assign all administrative duties previously held by the supervisor to the superintendent, and to set the salaries of each.

A special meeting of the Grayling Charter Township Board of Trustees will convene following the special hearing.

All persons are encourage to attend.

Terry R. Wright
Supervisor

PUBLIC NOTICE REQUEST FOR LETTER OF INTEREST FROM INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO BE CONSIDERED FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

All citizens are advised that the Crawford County Transportation Authority (CCTA) is soliciting letters of interest from individuals willing to serve on its Board of Directors.

The term of office for members of the Board of Directors is six (6) years. There is currently one available seat on the Board of Directors. This term will expire on June 30, 2014. There are no term limitations for members of CCTA Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors meets monthly. The primary responsibilities of the Board of Directors is to establish the policies governing the business, operations, property and affairs of CCTA. The Board of Directors additionally receives and reviews management reports for the purpose of monitoring policy compliance and program effectiveness.

All Board Members must be over the age of eighteen with no prior felony convictions.

In order for proposals to be considered, they must be received at CCTA administrative offices by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 30, 2011.

Questions or comments regarding this request for applicants may be directed to Julie Dean, Executive Director, Crawford County Transportation Authority.

Crawford County Transportation Authority
4276 W. North Down River Road
Grayling, Michigan 49738
(989) 348-8215

Features

www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com

A Look At Our Past FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



September 9, 1965 - A local group known as the d-Fenders are shown (from left to right) Bill Kraus, John Cook, Walt Fallon, George Stancil and David Blaha. These young men provided music for teen dances which have been held each Thursday evening at Day's Drive-In during the summer. George joined the group since he returned from Holland as an exchange student.

23 Years Ago September 8, 1988

The Annual Riverboat Regatta will be held Sunday, Sept. 11, starting at noon from Stephan Bridge public access to Jim's Canoe Livory.

The Grayling Vikings football team traveled south to Roscommon and dropped their season opener 35 - 14. Roscommon dominated the first half, scoring on their first three possessions and taking a 21 - 6 lead at the

half. Grayling's only score in the first half came midway through the second quarter on a 56-yard pass from Matt Branch to Chris Skidmore.

Winners were named in the Foundation Fishing Folly, sponsored by the Camp Grayling Area Minuteman Foundation. The winners in each category were Perch: 1st - Steve Moon of Grayling, 2nd - Pete Latusek of Grayling, Pike 1st - Kevin Teddy of Grayling, 2nd - Randy

Laundra of Grayling. Bass: 1st - Eva Montyka of Lincoln Park, 2nd - Richard Nelson of Grayling and Walleye: 1st - Kevin Korhonen of Grayling.

46 Years Ago September 9, 1965

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wieland and children Joseph, Jeanette and Sheryl moved here from Mt. Pleasant the last of August and are occupying the George Skingley property down river, the Hayloft. Mr. Wieland is the science teacher, football and ski coach at Grayling High School.

Two more families have eliminated buildings on their property to promote to the clean up campaign of the Grayling Housing Commission. Bill Brooks has removed an old out-building and Wilson Gierke removed an old shed, thus improving their area.

Harold R. "Mac" and Iris Macklon purchased the AuSable Motel from former owners the Pat Kahouns last June. The Macklons took over their new enterprise last week after making a trip to the west coast during the summer, before settling down to business.

69 Years Ago September 10, 1942

Miss Myrtle Melroy of

Frederic, who enlisted in the army as a nurse with the Harper Hospital Unit, is now at Camp Grant, Ill., taking a three week training course. After completing the course she expects to be sent to an unknown destination.

Francis Annis left Monday for Midland where he has obtained employment in the Dow Chemical Plant.

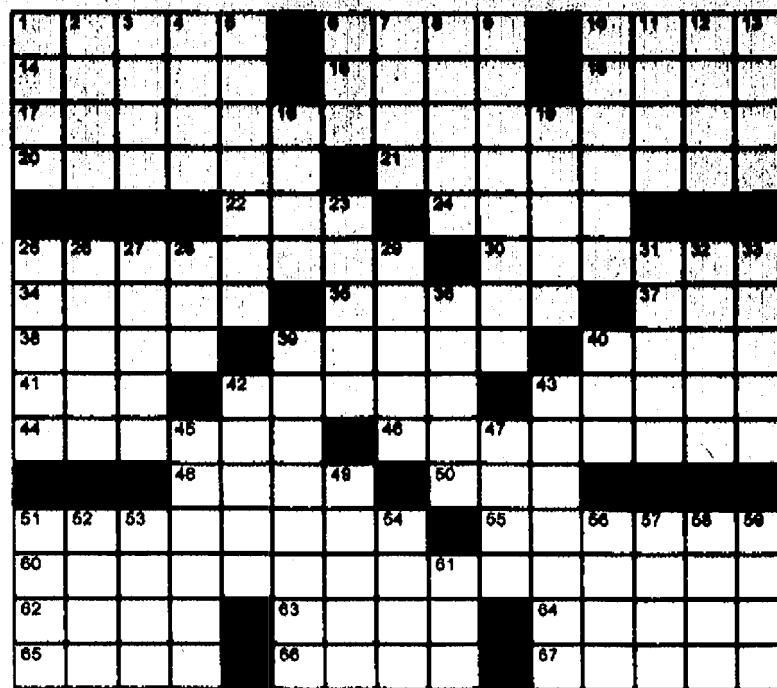
Miss Thelma Papendick returned home Monday from Topinabee, where she has been working this summer.

92 Years Ago September 11, 1919

Miss Ruth Brenner has accepted a position as clerk in the Grayling Mercantile Store to succeed Miss Dora LaGrow.

Grant Thompson and Gordon McDonald had a hard fight for their lives last Sunday at Lake Margrethe when the canoe in which they were riding capsized. The boys were trying to cross a very rough lake and the waves washed over the canoe. They clung to the overturned craft with one hand and tried to swim with the other. Luckily Samuel Colleen saw them and went to their assistance. He found the boys quite exhausted.

CROSSWORD



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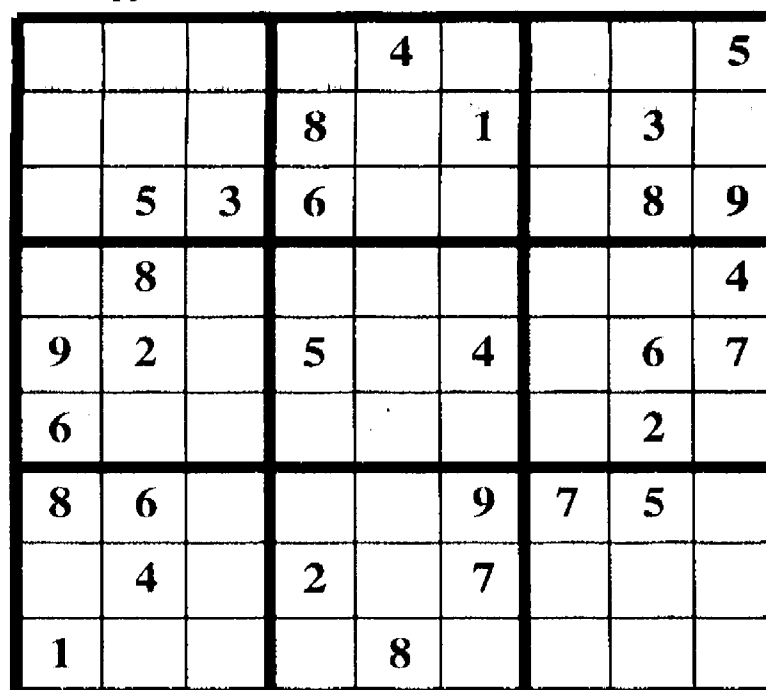
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6. Asian nurse
10. Light bulb unit
14. Blatant
15. ___ a one
16. ___ vera
17. Tobacco wrappers (2 wd)
20. Go this way and that
21. Easiest to reach
22. Napoleon, e.g.
24. Booty
25. To a small extent
30. Three-legged hot dish support
34. Star bursts
35. Cliffside dwelling
37. 1969 Peace Prize grp.
38. Battery contents
39. Montezuma, e.g.
40. Mint
41. Mamie's man
42. Draft holder
43. Fire extinguishing agent
44. Inferior
46. Existing independently
48. New Mexico art community
50. 1999 Pulitzer Prize-winning play
51. Kings, e.g.
55. Commonplace
60. Technique using unpleasant stimuli to alter behavior (2 wd)
62. Circular, domed portable tent
63. "How ___"
64. Object
65. Andy's radio partner
66. Burglar
67. Mideast native

Down

1. Enormous birds of myth
2. "... there is no ___ angel but Love": Shakespeare
3. Prefix with phone
4. ___Aftac languages
5. Stanza with irregular lines
6. Amazon, e.g.
7. Algebra or trig
8. "He's ___ nowhere man" (Beatles lyric) (2 wd)
9. Mesmerizing
10. Yellowstone sight
11. On the safe side, at sea
12. High spots
13. Makeup, e.g.
18. Give off, as light
19. Dig, so to speak
23. Pottery finish
25. Creeper
26. John ___, English philosopher
27. Harvard, Yale, Brown, etc.
28. "Crikey!"
29. Abominable snowmen
31. Kind of concerto
32. "Four Quartets" poet
33. 1,000 kilograms
36. Extend, in a way
39. Act of extreme cruelty
40. "Wheels"
42. ___ Tower, now Willis Tower
43. Intense dislikes
45. Commences
47. Core
49. Beach
51. Poet Angelou
52. Egg
53. "I, Claudius" role
54. Like a bug in a rug
56. Carbamide
57. Foot
58. Cowboy boot attachment
59. "___ Breckinridge"
61. Two-year-old sheep

SUDOKU

RULES: Fill all empty squares so that the numbers 1 to 9 appear once in each row, column and 3x3 box.



(PUZZLE #02 Easy, Difficulty Rating 0.41)
ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

HOROSCOPES

Week of September 4, 2011



December 22 - January 19

Forget it, Capricorn. You're way too busy to take on another project. Finish what you've started and see where you stand financially after that.



March 21 - April 19

Hope you know how to hustle, Aries. If not, you're going to learn how to this week, as deadlines get moved up and you have to get more done in less time.



June 22 - July 22

You're on a mission, Cancer, and nothing can get in your way. Songs of yesterday inspire you to make some changes for a better tomorrow.



September 23 - October 22

Jazz it up, Libra. You've got it all down. Now you just need to make it appealing to the masses. A craft project among friends ends with a flourish.



January 20 - February 18

Look out, Aquarius. Rumors begin circulating at work, and there is some truth to them. Turn to a trusted source for the lowdown on what's true and what isn't.



April 20 - May 20

Fun is on tap this week, Taurus. Invitations here and there are extended, making for special outings, while the humdrum routine at work is interrupted with some great activities.



July 23 - August 22

Lapses in concentration wreak havoc on a home improvement project. Set it aside, Leo, until you can give it your undivided attention. A young friend has a request.



October 23 - November 21

You're keeping a secret that someone else wants to know. Don't let your guard down for a second. Scorpio, they're just waiting for you to slip up.



February 19 - March 20

Relax, Pisces. The changes being implemented will not affect you personally. A matter at home requires your attention. A special date draws near.



May 21 - June 21

Calm down, Gemini. The situation is not nearly as bad as it seems. Everything will soon fall into place, paving the way for progress. A gift arrives.



August 23 - September 22

Use it or lose it, Virgo. The clutter bug has taken over, and the time has come for you to deal with it. A fresh face at work brings something extra to the table.



November 22 - December 21

Piecemeal is not your style, Sagittarius, but that's the only way a project is going to get finished. Flowers bring cheer to the landscape.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

Open: Everyday - 10am to 3pm

ADOPT A PET

WE'RE OVERLOADED! The animal shelter is currently very full of animals in need of loving homes, just like yours. Help these very adoptable pets find homes, adopt today! Visit our website for more information.



Payne

Payne is a great 9 month old ham of a guy. He is probably a Pointer mix but with what is a mystery. This handsome blue eyed boy loves other dogs and is very playful. Payne will need work on his housetraining and basic commands but has already been neutered, vaccinated and micro chipped.

Visit us at: www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org

AuSable Valley Animal Shelter
5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling

Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds

After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

For more pets or more information, visit our website www.asc.petfinder.com

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



FROZEN PEANUT BUTTER TURTLE PIE

Ingredients:

1 tub (8 oz.) Cream Cheese Spread
1/3 cup Creamy Peanut Butter
1/2 cup sugar
2 cups thawed Whipped Topping

1/4 cup caramel ice cream topping
1 cookie Pie Crust (8 oz.)
1/4 cup coarsely chopped Pecans, toasted
2 squares Semi-Sweet Chocolate

Directions:

BEAT cream cheese spread, peanut butter and sugar in large bowl with mixer until well blended. Add Whipped Topping; mix well.

SPREAD caramel topping onto bottom of crust; cover with cream cheese mixture. Freeze 4 hours.

TOP with nuts just before serving. Melt chocolate as directed on package; drizzle over pie.

Substitute

Prepare using a Graham Cracker Pie Crust.

Make Ahead

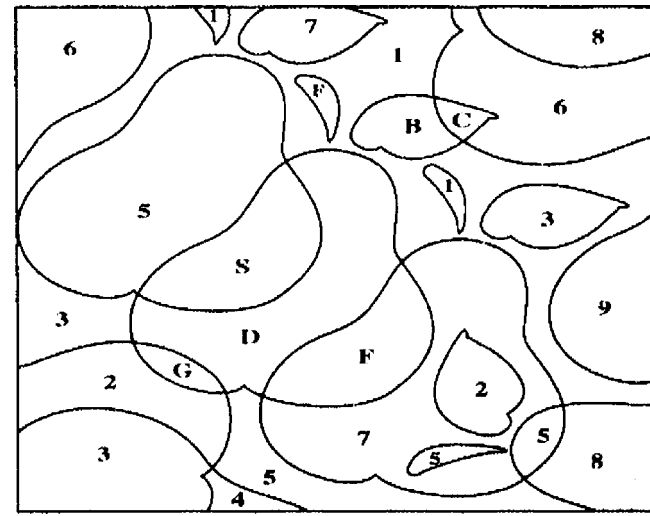
Pie can be stored in freezer up to 24 hours before serving.

Prep Time: 20 mins

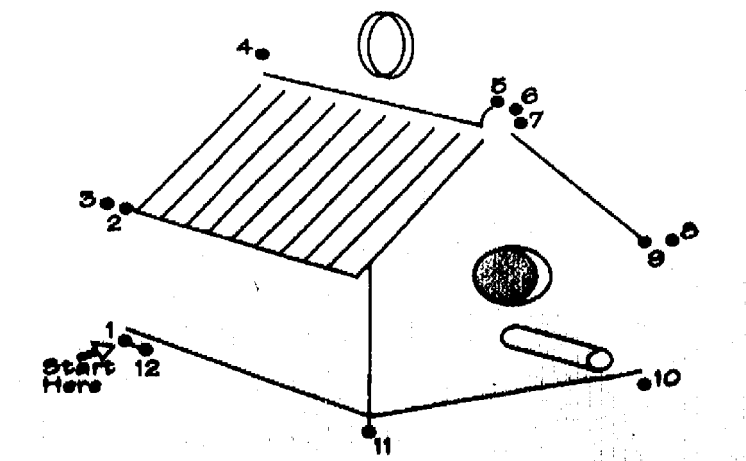
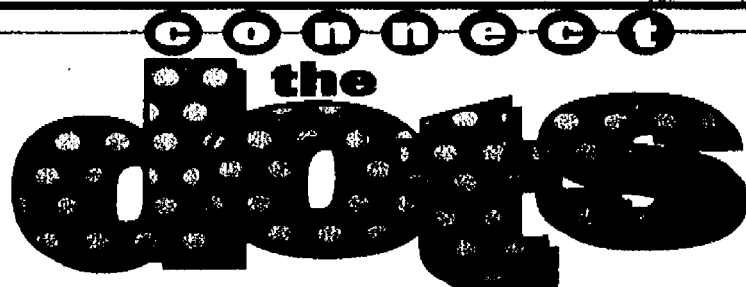
Total Time: 4 Hrs. 20 mins

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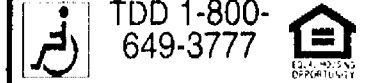
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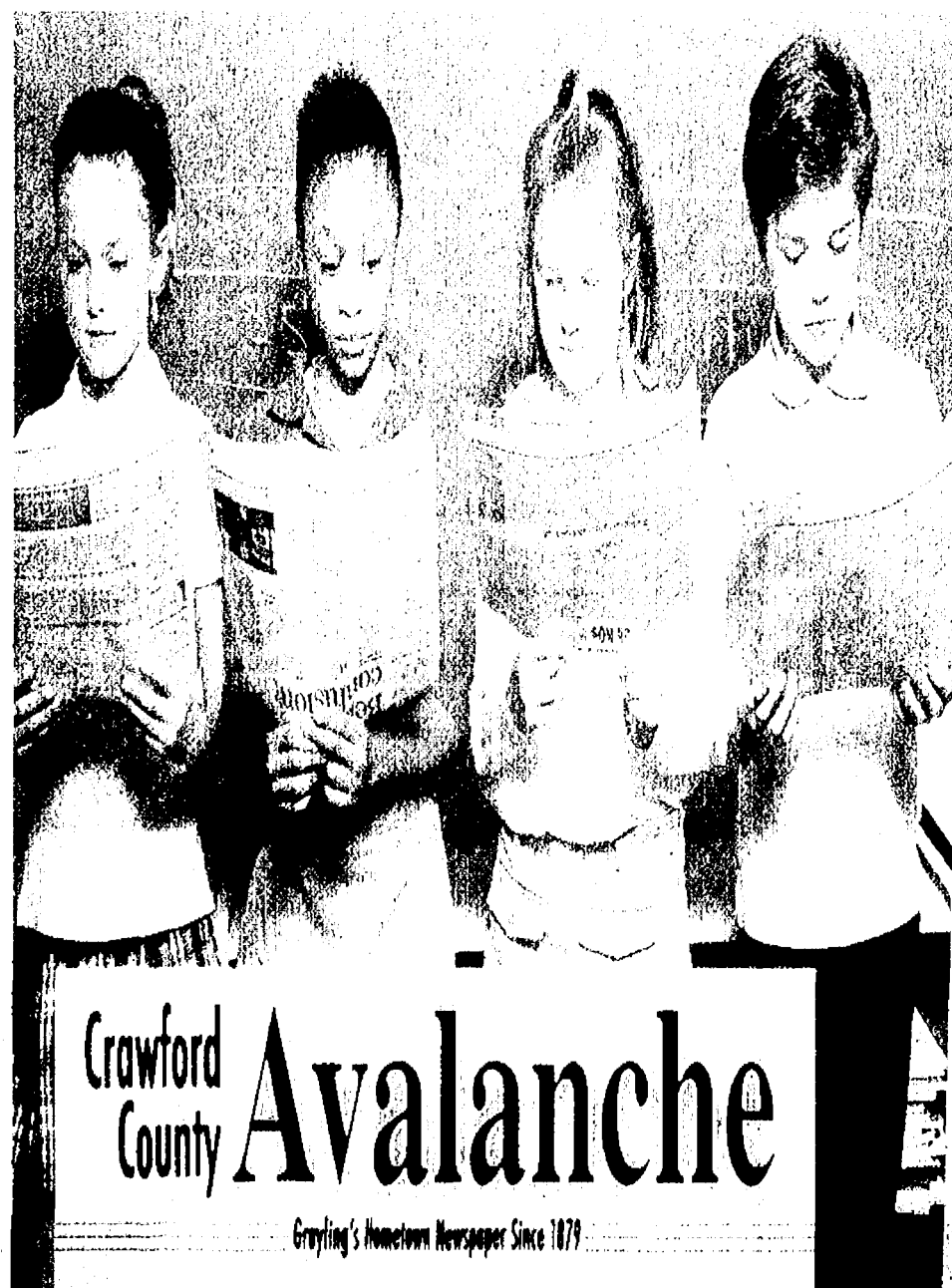
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10. Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE Friday 9th - Sat. 10th, 1103 E. M-72 3 1/2 miles. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., rain or shine. Lots of items of all kinds. (-8/10)

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GARAGE SALE 4946 Helen Drive, off Roberts Road, Sept. 9 & 10, 10 - 4. We've added more things! (-8/10)

YARD SALE SATURDAY ONLY 9 - 3. 3163 W. Jones Lake Rd. Patio furniture, TV, stand, computer desk, too many items to list. (-8/10)

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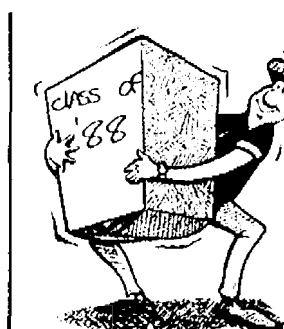
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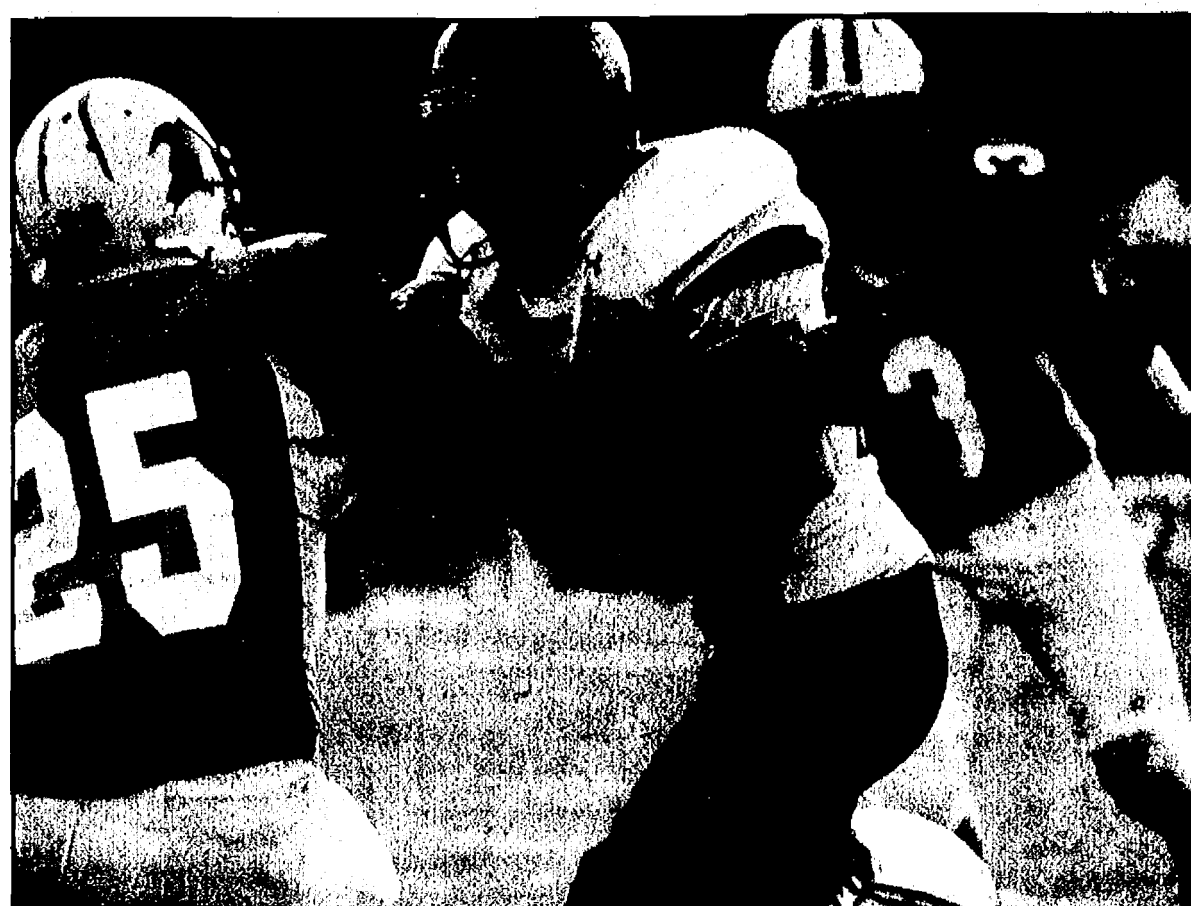
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Joey Schwartz carries the ball for Grayling on Thursday night at Houghton Lake.

Varsity football team wins 46-29 at Houghton Lake

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seven plays, finishing the series with a 14-yard touchdown run by Zigila. The drive also included a 22-yard run by Schwartz, a nine-yard reception by Enos, a 35-yard run by Jensen, and a 13-yard catch by Parkinson. Harris kicked the extra point and GHS led 34-13 with 1:43 left in the third period.

Grayling tried an on-side kick and McClanahan recovered the ball for the Vikings at the 49-yard line. Passes from Tobin to McClanahan and Enos picked up a first down. On 2nd and 5 Tobin threw to Zigila for a 30-yard TD. The extra point kick missed. GHS led 40-13.

The Bobcats finished a four-play 60-yard series with a 49-yard TD on a screen pass play. Houghton Lake ran the ball into the end zone for the two-point conversion. Grayling led 40-21 with 11:13 left in regulation.

Schwartz returned Houghton Lake's kickoff to mid-field. Grayling finished the possession with a 15-yard TD pass from Tobin to Enos on 3rd and 5. The Vikings had a 46-21 lead with 7:48 remaining.

Houghton Lake went for it on 4th and 4 and came up short. Grayling took over at its 16-yard line. A high snap on 2nd and 10 sailed into the end zone and the Bobcats recovered the fumble for a TD. Houghton Lake passed the ball for the two-point conversion. GHS led 46-29 with 3:18 left in the game.

Zigila recovered Houghton Lake's on-side kick. Schwartz carried the ball four times for GHS, gaining 22 yards and two first downs while helping to kill the final minutes. GHS won 46-29.

Tobin finished the night with 367 passing yards and five TDs. Jensen caught five passes for 90 yards with one TD; he also had 40 rushing yards on four carries. Zigila had four receptions for 125 yards and two touchdowns; he also scored a rushing TD in the contest. Parkinson caught five passes for 66 yards. Schwartz rushed for 68 yards and one TD.

"We were much happier with our offensive execution tonight. We still have a lot of areas to get better in, but that's to be expected. Houghton Lake is a good football team and we were able to put up some points," Coach Tim Sanchez said.

Schwartz, Wes Dean, and Griffin Dean were the leading tacklers for GHS with eight stops apiece.

"Coach (Kevin) O'Connell's defensive game plan was once again on point. It appears as though they gave up a few points, but the offense gave Houghton Lake two touchdowns, and another came on a busted play to the tailback where we had some missed assignments. We still have to get better at tackling, but the effort and intensity was there," Coach Sanchez said.

The Vikings (2-0 overall) will host Boyne City in a league game on Friday, Sept. 9, at 7 p.m.



Steven Enos, left, tries to shake a Bobcat defender after catching a pass. Ty Jensen, right, carries the ball for the Vikings on Thursday.



Grayling defenders tackle a Houghton Lake ball carrier during Thursday night's varsity football game.

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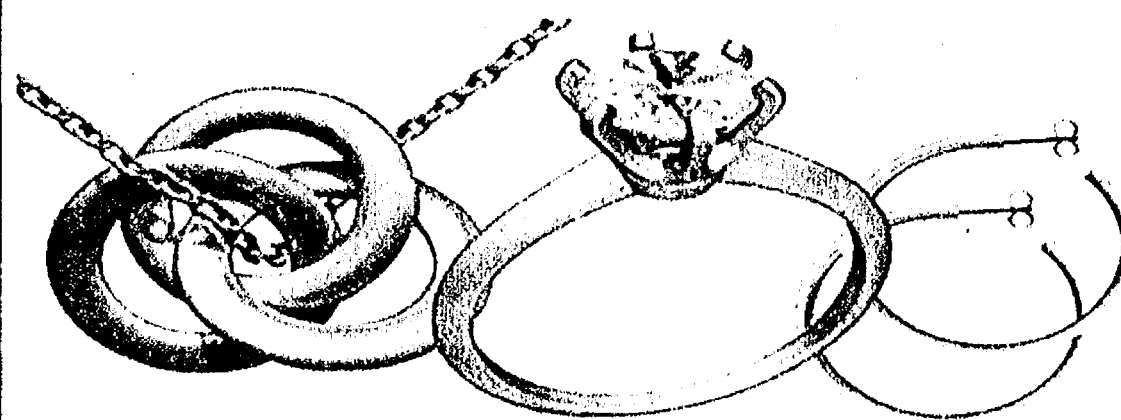
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The Straight Scoop: Digital Hearing Aids Can Significantly Improve Your Quality of Life

The Surgeon General recommends every one over the age of fifty have their hearing checked at least once a year.

Hearing loss makes life increasingly difficult to interact with friends and loved ones and not just for the person with the loss but many times even more frustrating for the people that are trying to communicate with you. They have to repeat themselves, raise their voices, or take the time to get in front of the hard of hearing person so they can read lips. Yes it's stressful on all concerned.

Vanity and denial - are these the reasons you're not helping yourself hear better? Think of your loved ones and friends. Is it fair to them or you?

If the brain has difficulty understanding speech or you get words confused, please come in and get your hearing checked. The longer you wait, the more time you will spend not understanding their message. Help the folks you communicate with by helping yourself with hearing treatments that can significantly improve the quality of life.

It is estimated that partial hearing loss strikes one out of three adults over the age of fifty. A hearing loss usually comes on so gradually, most

people are not aware of it happening. It is silent and painless, gradually stealing away your ability to hear the soft sounds of speech clearly. Early detection and correction are essential in avoiding speech deprivation now and in later years.

Michael Long has served this community in hearing health care since 1986, providing the highest professional standards in dispensing premium hearing systems and services. His utmost concern is making people hear and seeing them smile.

It's not just your hearing that's affected when you don't hear well, but your whole way of life. Hearing helps people and families to get close again - puts happiness back in their marriages - lifts people up from depression - recreates friendships - gets people out of their homes and back into the flow of living - makes people feel younger, which improves their outlook, which improves their health and most importantly, no more embarrassment!

You'll be surprised to learn that digital hearing aids are very affordable today and are available in a variety of styles and sizes.

Digital hearing aids provide effective solutions

to complaints commonly associated with analog products: feedback, background noise and low-fidelity sound processing.

Because each individual is unique, an algorithm is developed to accurately correct each patient's hearing loss. The algorithm is then programmed into the chip so their hearing aids know how to maximize hearing acuity in a variety of listening environments.

The state-of-the-art digital hearing aid is the newest generation of smart digital hearing aids and is a quantum leap forward in digital hearing aid performance.

"The newest Digital is by far and away the best hearing aid we've ever fit. Patients are amazed at the significant improvement in the clarity and comfort digital sound."

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The newest digital chip performs millions of calculations per second based on the algorithm's

hearing correction code. The Advanced Digital Algorithm provides:

- Automatic Feedback Suppression
- Adaptive Noise Management
- Digital Directional Technology
- High Fidelity Digital Sound
- Extended Battery Life

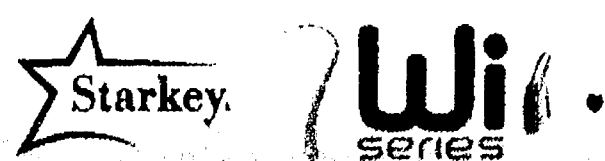
"Patient satisfaction is directly related to the hearing professional's expertise. Hearing Professionals can more accurately evaluate, correct and program the hearing aids to the unique needs and lifestyles of the patient. Comprehensive evaluation techniques, specialized fitting and programming flexibility and post fitting care will ensure your complete satisfaction."

If you or a loved one suspect an untreated hearing loss, you should contact your local hearing professional.

Come in - don't put this off any longer! Hear your loved ones and the sounds of the world! We are rendering this special care with dignity and devotion to client and community.

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